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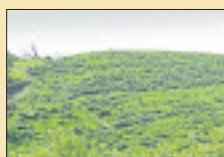
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## Buyout of crisis-hit firm saves jobs of 99

NINETY-NINE jobs have been saved at a Halesowen shop display manufacturer after it went into administration.

T&E Ltd, of Mucklow Hill, went into administration in June after the loss of a number of export contracts added to its financial difficulties in the wake of the retail downturn.

Seven people lost their jobs and more workers were facing redundancy but instead the company has been bought by new business, called T&E Display.

The deal has saved the jobs of the remaining workforce who have been transferred to the new firm, which has one director from the old company.

Originally founded in 1970, T&E is the UK's largest manufacturer of floor coverings displays. It provides specialist display and shop fitting services for clients ranging from independent retailers and brand owners to household names such as Dorothy Perkins, John Lewis and McDonalds.

Down the years it has carried out the painting work to finish the gates at Wembley Stadium and on furniture in the Big Brother house, machined MDF Christmas trees for Habitat and provided handling equipment for antique hangings at Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace.

## Week of fun with festival

FAMILIES in Cradley are gearing up for a week of celebrations.

Businesses, churches, schools and voluntary organisations will host a variety of events during Cradley Festival Week runs from Friday to July 20.

Cradley Community Group organised the festival following the success of last year's inaugural event. Chairperson the Rev Katryn Leclézio, from St Peter's Church, said: "We don't really have a town centre, so we thought the way to create a sense of community spirit was to put on these events."

# BABY ELLA GETS LIFT WITH NAME

by Tom Mason

**THE decision to name a baby is never an easy one. But for two parents from Rowley Regis the trauma of the birth taking place in a lift solved the problem – they called her Ella, short for elevator.**

She was safely born last Friday weighing 6lbs 1oz in the broken elevator in the St Giles Court block of flats in Reservoir Road, but had it not been for the actions of paramedics it may have been a different story.

Paramedics Steve Millward, Nigel Goodman and Nikki Wildman were called to the 9th floor of the flats just before 1pm.

They decided to take Ella's mum, 23-year-old Melissa Cavanagh and dad, 25-year-old Paul Yeomans down in the lift. But moments later it broke, trapping them.

Nikki, who has been with the West Midlands Ambulance Service for 15 years, said: "When the lift stopped we didn't think anything of it initially."

"About 20 minutes later, we were all still in the lift when Melissa's contractions started to get a lot closer together."

"We all looked at each other because we knew the baby wasn't going to wait for the lift to be repaired."

Despite being cramped and hot, the team set to work and delivered the Ella as firefighters worked to open the lift doors.

Emergency care assistant Nigel Goodman, who was working with Nikki, added: "When it was all over, I remember saying to Melissa and Paul that they should call her Ella, short for elevator... and they have!"

In honour of the paramedics actions, the parents thought it only appropriate make Ella's middle name Nicola, after all the work that her namesake did to deliver her.

### Story

On Tuesday, the Melissa and Paul Paul, met up with the ambulance crew.

She said: "Neither of us like lifts at the best of times so when it got stuck we panicked. It's all thanks to Nicola, Steve and Nigel as we couldn't have done it without them."

Paul said the name Ella 'just fits' and added: "She will have a story to tell."

The couple already have two daughters, Leah, aged four and Tegan, 11 months.

Melissa was 39 weeks pregnant when her labour pains started just after 9am.

"The pain was getting really bad and I knew she wasn't going to be long," she said. She called partner Paul, who rushed home from his job in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter.



Nigel Goodman, left, paramedic Nikki Wildman, Ella Nicola, mum Melissa Cavanagh and dad Paul Yeomans outside the lift. Photograph: West Midlands Ambulance Service

## Company will fight winding up order

THE Cradley Heath engineering firm – which is behind the highly successful Stourbridge Parry People Mover rail bus – has failed to fend off a winding up threat over a £70,000 VAT debt.

But bosses have pledged to appeal the High Court decision, saying they provide a vital service to the rail industry.

An insolvency judge allowed HM Revenue and Customs' request to close down J P M Parry & Associates.

Company chairman John Parry said the firm, which designed the Parry People Movers rail cars used on the shuttle service between Stourbridge Junction and Stourbridge Town stations, now had seven days to appeal the decision.

Following the decision on Monday, he removed his shirt in protest at HSBC bank, which he said had reduced his firm's overdraft.

"I was so angry. I asked to speak to the court but was told I couldn't. So I removed my shirt and asked the HMRC barrister to hand it to the bank as they seem to want to take everything off me," he said.

"We will continue to fight. We're not going away quietly. We believe we're a valuable asset to the railways because of our work developing these environmentally friendly People Movers."

## Severe blaze wrecks flat

MORE than 25 firefighters tackled a severe blaze at a flat in Halesowen. Neighbours broke into the property through the front door, in Hales Road, but were beaten back by the flames.

They feared the family who lived there were inside but it was found to be empty after searches by fire crews.

Residents had dashed from their flats before crews arrived and were outside when they heard a bang as flames blew out windows on Tuesday morning.

The blaze left the flat uninhabitable.

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## Safety fear after vandal spray attack

VANDALS spray-painted more than 30 lights at a Halesowen car park, plunging it into darkness and sparking safety concerns.

Shoppers using the Maybrook House car park, Queensway, were shocked to find half of the lights blacked out.

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, which runs the car park, has now cleaned some of the lights that were targeted and replaced the

others. Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation, said: "Everything is now back in working order and the car park is fully operational."

"We are keeping a close eye on the car park, together with police."

"Acts of vandalism like this hit decent tax payers in the pocket and cause disruption for people. "I would

urge the community to act as the eyes and ears to help guard against this type of criminal behaviour and inform police immediately if they see anything suspicious."

One Halesowen resident, who wished to remain unnamed, had driven into the car park to do his shopping when he discovered the vandalism.

He said: "It was an absolute mess. "All the ceiling lights were black-

ened out by vandals so the whole place was pitch dark. People could have been hurt or mugged and cars could have been broken into."

"It was a complete and utter mess and more than anything it was dangerous."

The vandals struck on the night of June 24. All the lights were either cleaned or replaced with 24 hours of the incident being reported.

At no point did the car park close.

## Annie's house has been her home for 84 years

THEY say home is where the heart is. And that's certainly the case for a Dudley pensioner who has lived in her house for more than 80 years.

Annie Johnson, 85, has lived at her home on Hawthorne Road for 84 years, moving in when she was 18 months old as the youngest of eight children.

Her parents Harry and Rose Robins had previously had to cram their large family into a two-bedroom house closer to the town centre, where Cousins Furniture now stands.

She said: "There are too many memories here for me to let it go to anyone else and I'll be here until they carry me out."

"It is a good street to live in and we've got good neighbours."

When Mrs Johnson's family moved into their home, she said most of the families on the street were large, with eight or nine children in each house, and she was never short of playmates as she grew up.

## Skipping

She added: "There were children in every house and we all played together in the street with skipping ropes and things."

"Everybody came out of their houses and you could play on the road. It was very different to today. It's a shame you can't turn the clock back."

Mrs Johnson remembers Dudley having a market that would stay open until 10pm on the weekends and a different culture where large families shared small homes and children were more often born at home than in hospital.

When she left school at the age of 14, Mrs Johnson worked in a Smethwick factory and then at bed-makers Vono. At the age of 20 she married Sidney Johnson. Because the family house was so small, however, and already housed other relatives, including her sister, her brother-in-law and two children, the newlyweds had to live apart for about 10 months before someone moved out



In her back room is Annie Johnson, aged 85, who has lived at her home in Hawthorne Road, Dudley 84 years



Daughter Patricia Hughes on the step of the house



Patricia pictured on the same step back in 1951

and there was room for Mr Johnson to live with his new wife. Mr Johnson passed away 24 years ago.

Children Patricia Hughes, now 64, Stephen, 61, and Robert, 57, were born there and Mrs Hughes

lived there with her husband before moving to a house of their own on nearby Poplar Crescent after their son was born. Mrs Johnson who has three children, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four

great-great-grandchildren added: "I've always said it's a home for everybody and whenever one of them is in trouble they come here. "It's our house, not my house."

## MP wants action on derelict property

AN MP has taken the battle to revamp derelict and boarded-up shops in parts of Cradley to the Commons.

Margot James is supporting the Cradley Action Group's campaign for the town to be given a facelift.

It is calling for old empty shops in the Colley Gate and Windmill Hill areas to be demolished.

Ms James, MP for Stourbridge, has vowed to work with the council to see what action can be taken.

During a Commons debate she asked Local Government Minister Don Foster what support was available to councils.

Authorities are calling for help to ensure landlords' properties are kept in an acceptable standard to make it easier for them to be brought back into use.

She said: "High Street premises in the Cradley part of my constituency have been allowed to fall in to a very poor state of repair which is not conducive to their being brought back into use."

Mr Foster praised her work with the group, adding he hoped changes to rules on alterations would help.

The action group will meet for a community clean-up on July 20. Supporters should meet at The Laurels Club, formerly Cradley Conservative Club, at 10am.

## Team up to tackle litter

COUNCILLORS, residents and volunteers teamed up for a litter pick in Halesowen. It took place around the KFC restaurant and Travelodge hotel and was organised by town MP James Morris.

More than 20 people, including volunteers from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, rolled up their sleeves to pick up rubbish from the side of the dual carriageway and the car park in Cobham Road. As well as 19 bags of litter, they recovered an abandoned sofa and fridge.

## Grease the word

HALESOWEN College students sang and danced during a performance of Grease at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham. The 26 students with learning difficulties and disabilities joined in with the audience and got up on stage at the Sing-along-a-Grease night.

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## MP attacks merger of Mercian squadron

THE Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY), which has a squadron in Vicar Street, Dudley, and headquarters in Telford, is to split up to make way for a new Scottish and Northern Irish Yeomanry.

The Dudley unit will remain open and be part of a restructured Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry.

A campaign to stop the breaking up of the regiment was launched by soldier's wife Hannah Bragg and backed by Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

He said he was disappointed and feared the move could put the long-term future of the town's army base in doubt.

"The RMLY was a popular and expanding regiment with deep roots in the local community," he said.

"The Defence Secretary should have listened to the supporters and families of RMLY officers and reservists. "People in Dudley make an enormous contribution to the country through our local TA base."

Mrs Bragg, of Buckinghamshire, whose husband Major Tom Bragg leads A Squadron, started an e-petition against the cuts which has been signed by more than 1,400 people.

## Plea to join Race for Life

ORGANISERS of Race for Life event in Dudley have issued a rallying call for more women to sign up for the fundraiser – with more than 800 places left to fill.

It raises money for Cancer Research UK and the Himley Hall run normally attracts up to 4,000 people. The event at 3pm on July 14 is open to females of all ages and fitness abilities.

Sarah Southall, from Race for Life, said: "The morning session is full but we are still desperately short of women for the afternoon session." Go to [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org) or call 0845 600 6050 to enter.

## Singular play

A VICTORIAN theatre company will be performing at Haden Old Hall, Cradley Heath. Don't Go into the Cellar will stage The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes on July 26 at 6pm and 8pm. Tickets cost £6 from Haden Hill House Museum.

# Church trumpets joy after its £45k revamp



Mrs Gwen Gadd, the church's oldest member at 97, and Bethany Poole, of Coseley Comets marching band, with the Rev John Barrett and senior steward Mrs Audrey Ujma

THE £45,000 revamp of a chapel in Coseley is almost complete, as plans are drawn up for a dedication service.

Finishing touches are being put to Sodom Chapel, Upper Ettingshall Road. Rotten windows have been stripped and replaced and the building has been rendered with ceilings taken down and walls plastered.

Work began in April after the chapel secured £24,500 funding from landfill tax trust, Ibstock Cory Environmental Trust (ICET).

Treasurer Margaret Thomas said: "We were very pleased that ICET could

see how important the chapel was to the local community.

"We asked them for £24,500 to make all the repairs necessary and they quickly came back to us to tell us we could have the funds and could start repairing the chapel we love.

"We found that the work we needed to do was quite extensive and in the end cost £45,000, but we were grateful for donations from the chapel's congregation, fundraising and church funds to be able to complete the work.

"The final touches are now being made with the laying of new carpet and

then we will have a dedication service to celebrate the transformation of this church that once again looks refreshed, friendly and welcoming."

Angela Haymonds, secretary of ICET said: "This chapel has a fascinating history of providing a focal point for the community, trustees were very pleased to fund the repairs."

# Animal ban for couple who sold ill bulldog on Facebook

A COUPLE have been banned from keeping animals for 10 years after showing a 'callous disregard' for their ill British bulldog – which they sold on Facebook after failing to take it to a vet for treatment.

Joseph Salter and Cally Ricard, from Brierley Hill did not seek veterinary treatment for pet despite its fast deteriorating health while in their care, instead selling it for £80 after posting an advert on the social networking site.

The pair, who have now split up, had to help drag the six-year-old dog, called Molly, into the back of the buyers Joanne Bennett, of Halesowen, and Natalie Morris' car - and would not give over the ill dog until the cash was handed over.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard last week Salter showed the buyers into the back garden where the animal was lying on a dirty dog bed, which was soaking and mouldy.

The dog was suffering from a life-threatening uterine condition called pyometra, and would have died if Mrs Bennett and Mrs Morris did not pass it onto the RSPCA, according to the animal charity.

Salter, aged 22, of Lakeside Court, and Ricard, 23, of Woods Crescent, appeared for sentencing after both pleading guilty to failing to getting veterinary care for the dog and failing in their duty as owners.

Mr John Fellows, chairman of the bench, disqualified the pair from keeping, looking after and owning any animal for 10 years each.

### Attention

He also ordered them to pay £500 each toward a £4,761 bill from veterinary and court costs. They were also told to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work each.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting, said: "These two people showed a callous disregard to the welfare of an animal."

"In this case they have not provided the dog with necessary veterinary treatment, then they attempted to sell it on top of that."

Mr Sutton told the court how the dog was brought to the attention of the RSPCA in February last year after Mrs Bennett and Mrs Morris saw a Facebook advert posted by the pair.

He said the two women, after seeing the condition the dog was in and where it was being kept, refused to leave without it and paid the cash to take it home.

But after feeding the dog and letting it rest overnight, the women noticed no improvement and took it to the RSPCA, where it made a full recovery.

Mr Sutton said: "Had it not been for the action of the two women to put their hands

by Alex Ross

in their pockets and take the dog away it would have been dead – there is no shadow of a doubt about that."

Mr Sutton said: "This couple did not care for the dog's illness – they did nothing when it was blindingly obvious they should have done something."

When the women were shown into the couple's house, they described finding the dog on a cushion in the back garden with a milky liquid coming from its body.

It hardly moved as they approached. Mr Sutton said: "The women described the dog as lethargic. They also couldn't believe how thin it was."

"The situation caused so much distress to the women that one of them cried."

"They were determined to take the dog away from the address – but the defendant wouldn't release the animal until they paid the price for it."

"On taking the dog, it cowered down as they approached and the women needed the assistance of the defendants to put it into the back of the car."

Mr William Harrison, defending the former couple, said, although the dog should have been given veterinary care, its health had quickly deteriorated.

### Afford

The couple, who said in interview they could not afford to take the dog to the vets, had inherited the pet from their landlord in December 2011.

After sentencing the couple, Mr Fellows said: "We commend the good citizenship of the two ladies who reported the matter to the RSPCA."

After the case, Mrs Bennett, aged 43, said: "This was a really great result."

"They may have thought they got away with it, but we weren't going to give up – I'd do that 100 times over if in the same position again."

Mrs Bennett said Molly had now fully recovered and was being looked after by Mrs Morris, aged 45.



Ten-year animal ban on Cally Ricard and Joseph Salter after selling sick pet dog



Joanne Bennett with a recovered Molly at Vets 4 Pet, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen

## NEWS in brief

### Firm goes silent in charity appeal

A ROOFING company in Halesowen has launched an online silent auction as part of its charity campaign.

Prizes on offer include Manchester United FC package, the chance to become a character in best selling author Peter James' next novel, an iPod Touch and Goodwood Revival tickets.

It's part of a bid by Chandlers Roofing Supplies, Mucklow Hill, to raise £50,000 target the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in honour of employee Rob Sadler, 49, who has the condition.

### Saving money while showering

DUDLEY householders could save £1 million a year by showering for a minute less, according to a study.

The At Home with Water report, commissioned by the Energy Saving Trust Foundation, also found that borough residents are pouring away £310,000 annually by overflowing kettles.

The trust, which studied 86,000 UK homes, is urging householders to use water more efficiently, a call that has been echoed by Severn Trent Water.

### Students get apprentice talk

STUDENTS at Halesowen College have been given a talk about apprenticeships. David Matty, from Scott Young Research, and Matthew Grove discussed with IT students who are looking to secure an apprenticeship the roles they are looking to fill and expectations of an apprentice.

College assessor Alison Tucker said: "The employers were really impressed with the students and are keen for them to apply."

### Reduced service before site move

DUDLEY'S archive service will be running a reduced service before it moves to a £6 million base.

The current centre, in Mount Pleasant Street, Coseley, will be opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 4pm, from July 15. People are being advised to book their visit to the centre.

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"IT WOULD be too much to say that death does not frighten me, but I have no fear of the hereafter because I do not believe in it." From the last interview by the Nobel-winning scientist Christian de Duve, 95, whose death by legally-assisted suicide in Belgium was reported last week. He went out, says his family, with 'a smile and a goodbye'.

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AN INTERNET poll shows a big resurgence of "extreme retro" names from Victorian times. But we all grow old and one day today's young people, with names like Chardonnay, Sting, River and Waynetta, will become old people, living in homes where they will be cared for by young people called Mabel, Florence, Winifred and Stanley.

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"THE Conservatives' high priest of enthusiasm," Boris Johnson, as described this week by political pundit Benedict Brogan.

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# Revamp of bus stations in £81m transport plan

**THE run-down bus station at Merry Hill shopping centre will get a £3 million revamp as part of a £81m transport plan for the region.**

Work is being funded by bus firm National Express and transport authority Centro and will see a new building and bus numbers should increase by 25 per cent. Work is due to be finished at the Brierley Hill complex by the end of summer 2014.

It is part of £10m worth of work around the Merry Hill area including new vehicles.

Dudley bus station will also be revamped in plans welcomed by leading councillors in the borough.

Dudley Council leader David Sparks said: "Any improvements to public transport in Dudley borough is to be welcomed especially with regards Merry Hill."

Conservative Councillor Patrick Harley added: "These plans have been around for a while so it will be good to see them come to fruition for the regeneration of Dudley linked with the redevelopment of Cavendish House nearby."

"The bus station in Dudley has long needed an overhaul as it is no longer user-friendly."

Peter Bond, Head of Transforming Bus Travel at Centro said: "Passengers will have real time information and an improved waiting area and we are looking to put screens in the

**by Andrew Turton**

shopping centre to provide the most up to date details."

He also said the refurbishment of Dudley bus station was scheduled to take place by 2015 including new waiting facilities, toilets and passenger information but further details were still to be confirmed.

The overall deal, which sees £65m of investment by National Express and £16m by Centro, will also deliver 300 new buses, including 15 environmentally friendly hybrids, 350 new bus shelters and more 'talking buses' with audio visual equipment.

London-style smartcards will also be introduced across the National Express West Midlands bus network.

Dean Finch, chief executive of National Express said: "We will build on the improvements we have already made in the West Midlands including investment in new vehicles and more on-bus cleaners as well as an expansion of smart-card ticketing."



Firefighter Chris Darby, Adrian Jemmett, leader of the Casualty Simulation Group, and firefighter Reg Davies

## Lifesaving pupils are runners-up

POTENTIAL lifesavers from a Cradley school were runners-up in a national contest organised by St John Ambulance.

Before the contest firefighters from Brierley Hill fire station's blue watch paid school children at Colley Lane Primary School, a visit to teach lifesaving first aid skills in preparation for the contest.

Around 30 pupils already take part in weekly first aid classes at the school.

School teacher and St John Ambulance trainer Elaine Bradford runs the sessions.

Under her guidance four pupils finished second after battling it out against 250 other schools in the St John Ambulance National Schools' First Aid Competition.

They won the regional heats and took part in the final at Drayton Manor Theme Park.

## Housing discount

TWO Black Country housing developments are offering special discounts to the country's military servicemen and women.

Houses in Gornal and West Bromwich will be discounted by £500 for every £25,000, meaning a £250,000 property would be reduced by £5,000.

David Wilson Homes is developing the houses at Brecon View in Holloway Street, Gornal, and Churchfields Place on All Saint's Way, West Bromwich.

Steve Barton, senior sales manager for David Wilson Mercia, said: "This country rightly celebrates the achievements of its Armed Forces which many regard as the best in the world."

For more information call 0844 811 3322 or go to the website [www.dwh.co.uk](http://www.dwh.co.uk)

## Brightening up archives

DUDLEY'S most recognisable sights will brighten up the new archives and local history centre.

A mural has been created by local residents and features icons such as Dudley Zoo and Castle, Mary Stevens Park, the Duncan Edwards statue, the Titanic anchor as well as the new archives and centre itself.

It was completed and handed over by a team of adult learners working from Artspace, a community project offering adult learners and families workshops in the arts. The 9ft by 5ft mural will be on display in the exhibition area.

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## Members of family attacked teenager

THREE members of a family have been found guilty of savagely attacking a 16-year-old boy, after accusing him of throwing stones at their home.

Gareth Attwood, 21, and Andrew Attwood, 46, of Fens Crescent, and Aaron Attwood, 23, of Westwood Street, all Brierley Hill, will be sentenced this month after being convicted of wounding.

The jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court heard they attacked the teenager and his friend, 19, at Fens Pool Nature Reserve, in Pensnett, on July 15 last year.

They had fled there after being chased by the Attwoods, who accused them of throwing stones at the Fens Crescent family home.

The 16-year-old, of Kingswinford, was left unconscious after being held down and battered with bricks, sticks and a baseball bat.

His jaw and a finger were broken and a tooth was knocked out. His back and arm were severely bruised. His friend suffered non-serious injuries to his legs.

De John Horrobin said: "Thanks to the bravery of the two teenagers and other witnesses, Gareth and Aaron Attwood, along with their father Andrew, were identified as the attackers." Gareth and Aaron Attwood were remanded in custody.

Andrew Attwood was released on bail.

# Red is dead as number's up for the iconic phone kiosks

**THE age of the mobile has set the seal of doom on another 50 old-fashioned telephone kiosks around the West Midlands, as BT plans to cut them off for good.**

But a handful of iconic red phone boxes in the Black Country will escape the axe – because they are classed by English Heritage as 'listed buildings'.

They will continue to be a beacon of days gone by, when most people relied on them to keep in touch before the days of mobiles, the internet, Facebook, Twitter and Skype.

Nationally BT has removed 33,000 kiosks from the 'street furniture' in towns and villages over the last decade because mass use of mobile phones has made them obsolete.

And now 1,000 more are to be removed across the country, including 50 in the West Midlands. BT has not yet decided which of its 1,746 kiosks across the region will disappear – but 12 red phone boxes in the Black Country and Birmingham will be safe because of their 'listed' status.

### Listed

These include two outside the old County Court in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, which were first 'listed' in 1989, and two next to the Town Hall in West Bromwich.

They are of the 'K6' variety, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1935 for the silver jubilee of King George V.

The model became a symbol of Britain the world over and was adopted by colonies such as Malta, Bermuda and Gibraltar.

Not that you would know the Stourbridge ones were considered precious – they are currently looking down-at-heel with missing panes of glass.

But after their condition was reported to BT by the Chronicle's sister paper, the



David Hickman outside the old County Court in Stourbridge with two Grade II listed phone boxes that are being saved

Express & Star, they are now set for repairs.

David Hickman, who was Stourbridge's librarian for 32 years and is secretary of the town's Historical Society, said: "The K6 red phone boxes were certainly part of my life."

"These two by the county court were just along the road from the old Stourbridge Library – and it's right that we keep them."

"I also support them being maintained – they shouldn't be allowed to disintegrate."

Mr Hickman, aged 66, who confesses even he has moved into the 'mobile' age, added: "I do understand that gradually there is less call for phone boxes. But it's important to retain some of them – they are part of our

heritage." BT spokesman Emma Tennant said: "Over 12,000 payphones make less than one call per month – over 70 per cent are unprofitable. BT has removed 33,000 kiosks over the last decade."

"We plan to remove 1,000 more across the UK of which around 50 are likely to be in the West Midlands. Some will have already been removed."

"Due to the huge reduction in payphone use, alongside the massive rise in mobile phones, BT is able to remove any kiosk that has another one within 400 metres. If there is no other kiosk within 400 metres we need to consult with the local authority." She

added that 81 K6 red phone boxes remain in the West Midlands and pledged action would now be taken to repair the damaged Stourbridge kiosks as soon as possible.

In Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, villagers came up with the novel idea of adopting their High Street phone kiosk – and turning it into one of the smallest libraries in the world. Called the Belbroughton Book Exchange, villagers keep it stocked up.

A redundant box in Banner Street, Halesowen, was given a facelift and used for a short time as an art gallery hosting an exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculptures.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Petition against power plant plan

**OPPOSITION** to a proposed recycling plant in Brierley Hill is hotting up after a petition with 350 names was handed into Dudley Council.

Clean Power wants to build the plant, which would generate electricity for 10,000 homes, on disused land near a railway line, off Moor Street. It has submitted a planning application but residents near the site have mounted a campaign against it. They fear it would lead to an increase in traffic, release odours and blight the landscape.

Councillor Rachel Harris, who handed in the petition, said: "It is a waiting game now."

#### Summer fair to help pay for trip

A SUMMER fair will be held at the Grange Hill House residential home in Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen, on July 14 from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be stalls selling cakes, jewellery and bric-a-brac, as well as a raffle. Proceeds will help pay for residents' day trips out.

#### Festival declared

LYE Cricket Club has teamed up again with local brewery Sadler's Ales to host the fourth annual Black Country Beer festival. The event will run from August 22 and 24 at the club in Stourbridge Road. Admission is £10 including a festival glass and £5 of drinks vouchers.

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## NEWS

## IN MY VIEW

WITH  
MARK  
ANDREWS

FORMER Cabinet minister Jack Straw says MPs should be given a £10,000-a-year pay rise in order to attract more candidates from working-class backgrounds.

He's not wrong. Talk to anybody living in one of the less affluent parts of the West Midlands and the message is always the same. People always say: "I'd really love to be an MP. I believe I have something to offer my constituents. But the thing is, I couldn't get by on 66 grand a year."

THE idea to give MPs a whopping great pay rise came not from the honourable members themselves, but from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, the body set up at a cost of £6.6 million to restore the public's confidence in MPs.

But given that the proposals from IPSA, already under fire over its own running costs, have so far only managed to stoke up the controversy about MP's salary, here is an alternative idea.

Why not do away with all the expensive independent bodies, and simply link MPs' pay to inflation, just like they do with the state pension?

Of course there will be a debate about which measure of inflation is used, but the answer to that is easy. Just go for the lowest one.

See? I've solved the problem already, and at a fraction of the millions of pounds spent on IPSA. Just send me a cheque in the post for, I dunno, £66,000 a year. That should cover it.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andy Murray for becoming the first Briton in 77 years to win Wimbledon. But can we now leave it at that?

While the patriot in me is pleased to see somebody from these fair islands win a major sporting event, I didn't like tennis last week, and I'm not going to pretend I like it this week.

I've always taken the view that tennis is a bit of a soft sport, with too many highly strung, temperamental types who throw tantrums the moment the going gets a bit tough. On the other hand, it brings a lot of pleasure to many people, and it is good that they have something to celebrate.

There is something very unsportsmanlike, though, about the way some people just jump on the bandwagon of any particular sport the moment a big international competition comes along, particularly if somebody from this country does well at it.

It was the same with the Olympics last year. Who was interested in cycling before Bradley Wiggins' triumph in the Tour de France? How many people who deck out their houses with red-and-white bunting at World Cup time will bother to turn out to local football grounds?

It will be interesting to see how many people caught up in the hysteria of Murray-mania will be paying such close attention to the US Open in a couple of months.



Steve McHugh in his Co-Op day job



Gunners McHugh, Plant and Grosvenor dressed and ready for action



Ross Grosvenor at work at Brindley

# TA to the soldiers who back up regular Army

**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT** looks at the unsung volunteer reservists who combine their duties with a full-time job

**THEY** are the weekend warriors training to back up Britain's military.

They hold down full time jobs and spend their evenings and many of their weekends training all over the country to handle harsh terrain and the pressure of being under fire.

One of the Territorial Army reservists, Abby Plant works in finance for environmental consultancy Adas in Pendeford. The 24-year-old from Codsall spends her weekdays in an office but on Saturdays gets up at 5am, dresses in camouflage gear and carries a heavy rucksack to run up and down hills in Surrey.

This week she takes her exams as part of her accounting technician diploma.

At the weekend Gunner Plant of 106 (Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Artillery may have to carry a backpack weighing 20kg (44lb) six miles within 90 minutes, sleep out in the open in Salisbury or drive Land Rovers the way they were built to be driven – off road.

## Physically

Former Codsall High School pupil Gunner Plant, of Bromley Gardens, said: "It's an exciting life. It's exhausting and it can take it out of you, but you always feel that you've accomplished something."

"I wasn't particularly physically fit when I joined but I thought if I don't do this now I'll keep putting it off," she added.

Now she is at the gym two or three times a week and is part of a running club with her fellow soldiers.

She walks the several miles to work each morning and then runs home in the evening.

Over the past decade the Territorial Army has deployed 26,000 reservists



Abby Plant combines her TA role with a financial job near Wolverhampton

including 22,000 to Iraq and Afghanistan. A tour of duty lasts six months but follows three months of full time, intensive training. In that time 30 have been killed.

The Army is reducing the number of regular Army soldiers from 102,000 down to 82,000. Some serving soldiers are being put on notice that they are facing redundancy and the government is prepared to spend £1.8 billion to expand the TA to fill the void.

As well as the weekend commitments there is the prospect that one day Abby will find herself overseas alongside

regular army soldiers. Her parents Nick, aged 53 and Vicky, 51, understand what the role involves, as does her employer. However, there are legal protections that ensure a job is kept open for any TA soldier who goes on a tour.

When the Army needs Territorial soldiers, it goes through a process called mobilisation. Territorials are only called up if the army needs them.

They or their employers can object if it would seriously affect their lives or work.

Abby joined the TA two and a half years ago on the same day as Ross

Grosvenor from Walsall. Gunner Grosvenor, aged 21, works as a service adviser at the Brindley Nissan garage in Delta Way, Cannock.

He lives with his parents Simon, 51 – who also served in the TA with the Staffordshire Regiment – and Lynn, 53, in Pelsall. He has a sister, Zoe, aged 17.

On Tuesdays he finishes his 8am to 6pm shift, polishes off a sandwich or microwaveable ready meal and heads off to The TA site in Fallings Park, Wolverhampton where he is with the Air Defence Unit of 106 Regiment Royal Artillery. "I'd always had an ambition to be a pilot", he said.

"After I left Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall I applied to the Royal Air Force. But when I got to Cranwell they said I lacked life experience by wanting to join straight from school."

"I joined the TA and following 12 months of training passed out in January last year."

"On Tuesdays we will do any sort of training from first aid to vehicle checks and weapon handling skills," he added.

## Weekends

"Sometimes we will devote a whole session to fitness assessments, including how many press ups we can do. I'm on the regiment shooting team which goes away on competitions to places like the Salisbury Plains."

"Going away with the TA takes place one or two weekends a month," Gunner Grosvenor said. "We also do a one to two week camp every year. I'm allowed to take the time off from work unpaid."

His colleague Gunner Steve McHugh, aged 23, has been with the TA for five years. He works at the Co-Op petrol station in Wombourne.

His work with the TA saw him spend three months in London during the Olympics, supporting the regular army and seeing the Paralympics opening ceremony. He said: "For me it's a social life as well as work."

● For details on joining the TA visit [army.mod.uk](http://army.mod.uk) or call 0845 600 8080.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

COMEDIAN Lenny Henry found it no laughing matter when he turned up to open the wrong summer fete in Dudley. Lenny turned up to open the Burton Road Hospital fete when he should have been six miles away at the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

ATTENDANCE at Wolverhampton's four public baths spiralled as the region sizzled in 90 degree temperatures. More than 9,000 people used the Bilston, Bushbury, Central and Heath Town baths in the first week of July.

A SCHOOL leaver from Lower Gornal planned to beat the dole crew by creating a high-flying job for himself – washing aeroplanes. David Carter started cleaning planes for the West Midlands Flight Centre at Halfpenny Green airport after leaving Ellows Hall School.

1993.....

A £260,000 project aimed at stopping youngsters from becoming car thieves was launched in Wolverhampton. Project leader Simon Brittain said he hoped the scheme for 12 to 18-year-olds would steer young people in the right direction.

A MOTORIST was hailed a hero after dragging a Wolverhampton pensioner out of his smoke-filled bungalow. But the mystery samaritan, who also pulled a burning chair out of the East Park property, disappeared before anyone could thank him.

SIXTH-form pupils from a girls' school at Brewod appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates – in a mock trial. The teenagers at St Dominic's were involved in the event as part of a scheme to raise social awareness.

2003...

THREE Wolverhampton teachers hoped to scale new heights when they set off on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge. They aimed to climb Scotland's Ben Nevis, England's Scafell Pike and Wales's Snowdon in 24 hours.

FIREFIGHTERS extinguishing a blazing car were left stunned when it took off – without any driver. The crew were left baffled when the car, believed to be stolen, mysteriously started racing down the field and performed a U-turn before shuddering to a halt.

PUPILS and staff at Kings School in Tettenhall had a hair-raising experience to raise money for charity. Brightly-coloured wigs, shaved heads and unique cuts were on show as they raised £500 for Barnardos.

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## LETTERS

## Poor attendances? Council to blame

IT saddened me to read of the heavy losses made by the fall in attendances at the Black Country Living Museum.

I am sure both Dudley Zoo and the nearby Dudley Vanal Trust have similar problems and would like to see more people coming through the turnstiles in order for them all to survive this harsh economic world we live in.

But I am afraid this is where I have to point the finger at the lack of foresight Dudley Council had when they decided to refuse permission to grant the Dudley Heathens Speedway team to

have a stadium to call their home built within the land available close by.

Not only are the Heathens one of the best teams in their league. Fans from all around the UK come to watch their teams compete against the Heathens, and what a golden opportunity it could have been for the local economy had those fans been given the chance to visit the area and make a day of it by visiting any of the attractions within the vicinity? Many other uses could have been made of a stadium.

As for access, what could be any

easier for visitors, we have three major motorway junctions, shopping is good, there are at least five large hotels nearby, a good choice of restaurants and pubs, all of which would benefit from having more visitors to the area? So come on Dudley Council, wake up and grab the chance to revitalise the whole of the area before it becomes just another ghost town on the map, or is that what you want to happen?

**MIKE THOMPSON**  
Bryan Budd Close  
Rowley Regis

## Fancy plans but nothing happens

SAD to hear that WH Smith in Dudley is to close, but not surprised. Those charged with regeneration are failing. We keep hearing fancy plans but nothing happens.

When is the market going to be started up? Where are these supermarkets who are falling over themselves to open up? The town is dying and those charged with breathing new life into it seem to be putting an awful lot of faith in things like knocking down loos so we can all see the castle. We need a sports stadium for the Heathens, a railway station and better parking.

**ELLIE SHAW**  
Forest Road  
Dudley

## It's all just dreams

WHY does Dudley Council keep with this dream of re-vamping Dudley town centre? They spend thousands, have surveys and then block pave something and paint something else and it will still have no "big name" shops, so will have no visitors. So ends another cycle of the town centre game. If the council is serious about making Dudley a place to visit it really ought to think about closing Merry Hell.

**TREVOR BRADLEY**  
Kingswinford

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Be careful parents

I WOULD like to ask the parents of the children at Red Hall Primary School, Lower Gornal, to think carefully where they park their cars. This week alone we have seen some very near misses with children almost getting run over.

I fear it will take a terrible tragedy before any changes are made. Zor Street is very busy and a lot of parents are parking on this road, right by the school drive and crossing. Children are coming out of school and not being seen by careless drivers who are in a hurry. The parking is limited in Gornal and I appreciate that, as I am a parent who drives too, but surely the safety of our children is more important?

A number of parents have contacted Sedgley police and asked them for help and to come and see for themselves, but so far no one has been. Parents, if you are reading this please think carefully, next time it could be your child.

Name and address supplied

## Farmers' market without farmers

ONE vegetable stall and a delicatessen stall does not constitute a farmers' market. What was the farmer's market, is now a variety of stalls, selling products that you can find in the numerous charity shops and other retailers in the town. Halesowen Town does not benefit from this, it degrades the town. The market has been taken over, and the township council has laid back and died. Where are the farmers? Gone!

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## How I miss Lee

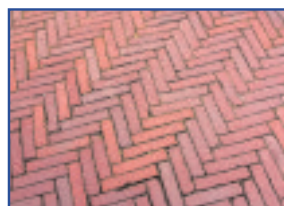
I LOST a friend last week, Lee Wilson, and I am missing him so much. He was a multi-talented and respected artist who supported me when I lost John, Ayl, and encouraged me to carry on when I was on the verge of packing it in. He pointed over his shoulder and said: "Get out there chap, you core stop work - you have me to lean on." When he walked in to a dressing room, the place lit up.

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## NEWS

# Move aims to get more recycling by households

**PROPOSALS to encourage more people to recycle - including offering special deals for visits to popular tourist attractions such as Dudley Zoo - have been unveiled.**

Dudley Council has launched the new 'incentive scheme' as part of an expansion of recycling services.

It includes savings at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge and leisure centres across the borough. The council is recruiting other businesses to sign up to the scheme. This would allow them to promote their goods and services on a new recycling website.

Bosses are increasing recycling services in the borough and will be collecting plastic bottles and cardboard from all homes in the borough by spring next year.

It comes after Dudley Council received a government grant of £1.8 million.

The cash will also be used to enable the council to continue emptying bins every week.

The council is also funding the introduction of wheelie bins for household rubbish, which is expected to cost

by Heather Large

around £2.5m.

Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "The roll-out of this new service and the associated incentive scheme will help us to thank our residents for everything they continue to do to help protect our environment."

"Residents value the waste and recycling service, which scored very highly in the Big Question consultation, and these improvements acknowledge that we know how important recycling is to our residents."

Residents will have two bags for paper, card, plastic bottles and cans following the expansion of the recycling services.

Wheelie bins are being rolled out across the borough in three phases.

The first stage is already underway. A second phase of deliveries is expected to take place later this year

## Jeni's West End hopes



**Jeni Hadley, aged 14, has won a place on a course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama**

SHE has sung at public venues and played starring roles in shows at her Halesowen school - now 14-year-old Jeni Hadley is setting her sights on appearing in a West End Show.

The talented student will attend the famous Guildhall School of Music and Drama - where actors Orlando Bloom and Daniel Craig once studied - for a week this summer.

The week in August will see her trained by industry professionals and then appearing at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End for a performance of the Phantom of the Opera. "The stage is my home," she said. "I like acting as different people, not being myself, and losing myself in a world up in front of everybody."

### Visiting

"This opportunity to train in London and appear at the show is a dream. I'm nervous as well as excited."

Jeni is in Year 10 at Leasowes High School and is part of a select group called the Talented and Gifted. The group is given further academic challenges on top of work to help them achieve more.

Jeni is already thinking about university, and is visiting Cardiff to explore courses which could be suitable for her.

She said: "My dream is to be in the West End, but more realistically I would love to be a drama teacher."

Her current drama teacher, Helen Lowe, said: "She is a very talented performer, the week at the summer school will help her to improve further."

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## NEWS

# Nine held during police crackdown on criminals

**NINE arrests have been made in Dudley during a police crackdown on vehicle crime.**

The men were arrested as part of Operation Intrusive, a borough-wide crackdown on offenders.

Those arrested were aged between 17 and 39 and were caught by police operating in Brierley Hill, Wollescote, Halesowen and Quarry Bank.

They were charged with offences ranging from theft of motorbikes to vehicle interference.

Eight motorbikes were also recovered by officers during the operation, with two men on police bail pending further enquiries.

## Priority

Sgt Craig Ryder, who is in charge of Operation Intrusive across Dudley, said: "Our number one priority at this time is to reduce vehicle crime through the identification and arrest of those suspected of committing offences."

"This is an ongoing operation and I want to reassure the public officers are working hard to ensure Dudley remains one of the safest place to live, work and play across the West Midlands - more arrests will come in time."

Officers have also applied for Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Orders to be issued against two of those arrested.

Anyone with information on those involved in crime should call police on 101 or independent crime fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meanwhile a crackdown on speeding motorists has been launched by police - including a stretch of road that was the scene of a fatal crash.

Police are carrying out regular speed checks along 'hotspot' routes to raise awareness of speed limits and to catch drivers who break the law.

The crackdown follows was sparked



Pcso Dan Giles uses a Pro Laser III speed detection device, watched by Pc Mick Jennings on Manor Way, Halesowen

by concerns from communities across the borough which marked out speeding as the top priority for their police.

One area identified is Manor Way, Halesowen - a 40mph stretch of dual carriageway from the M5 to Grange Island roundabout.

Residents claim too many motorists are speeding, causing a danger to people turning on and off the road from businesses and Halesowen Athletics Club.

The safety risk of the road was highlighted last month when 32-year-old motorcyclist Nick Foster died after coming off his bike. Sgt. Martin Hall

carried out one of his regular checks on the road with Pcso Dan Giles and Pc Mick Jennings. They watched traffic coming from the motorway side and were positioned on a lay-by next to Grange Island roundabout.

One of them used a laser gun to take speeds of vehicles, while the other two prepared to pull over any motorist breaking the speed limit.

In the 30-minute test, the trio pulled over just one vehicle, but Pc Jennings said he believed their work was having an impact. A 31-year-old man who was driving an Audi at 53mph was given a warning by Sgt. Hall.

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## MEMORY LANE



Mary Hewitt centre pictured with colleagues in front of pile of Tizer crates



Mary, front right, Gwen Timmins (nee Wilkes) back right, Dora Tilley (nee Vincent) back left



Pearl Goode's mother, Mary Hewitt, who started work at Tizer in 1950



Mary Hewitt front left, and Gwen Timmins, front right, with two colleagues



Dora Tilley centre, and Pearl Goode's uncle, Jack Vincent, right, and a colleague



Workers inside the Tizer factory in Wednesbury

# Fizzing fun for Tizer's one big happy family

IT could be a cold job, working at the Tizer factory in Wednesbury, recalls Pearl Goode.

"To stop the tops from flying off, you had to dip the bottles of Tizer into a bowl of warm water while you put the cap on," she recalls.

"In the cold weather we used to hold our hands down in the bottle for a bit to keep warm."

But while it might have got a bit parky in the winter, 70-year-old Pearl recalls it as one of the happiest times of her life.

"We were like on big happy family," she says.

Indeed family was very much the operative word for Pearl, who went to work at the plant around 1960.

Her mother, her sister, her cousin – around a dozen of her relatives worked at the factory in Friar Park Road, and she says there used to be a real bond.

"It was the same throughout,

by Mark Andrews

there were lots of families who all worked together," says Pearl, who operated the machines on the production lines.

"I think my mum Mary Wilkes started work there about 1950, and my cousin June Newell was also working there when I joined."

"My uncle Jack Vincent, he was a driver, then there was another cousin, Geoffrey Tilly."

Pearl recently discovered these photographs while searching through some family belongings. Thought to have been taken during the 1950s and 1960s, they show a happy, contented workforce.

"They went on a few coach trips, and they went to dances at the Stewpony Hotel, near Kinver, when they wanted a weekend away."

"There was a great mix of people, and we all got on well. There were youngsters like me, but there were also a lot of older people," says

Pearl, who lives in Freeman Road. She isn't in any of the photographs, but her mother, cousin and several other family members are.

Her son Rob Goode is hoping that other people will get in touch. Tizer was founded in 1924 by Fred Pickup, of Manchester, and was originally known as Pickup's Appetizer.

As its popularity grew, the name was abbreviated to the snappier Tizer, and a number of plants began to spring up across the UK, including the one at Wednesbury.

In 1972 the company was taken over by Scottish soft drinks giant A G Barr. Production ceased at Friar Park years ago, but there is still a sales operation on the site.

Pearl says while she loved her time at the plant, she could not imagine many of today's youngsters would want to work in such an environment.

"It was hard work, and the pay wasn't great, but we had fun."



Cheers – former worker Pearl Goode, aged 70, with her son Rob

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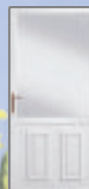
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## NEWS

### Volunteers raise hats to royal honour



Volunteers Derek Lidington, John Field, Susan Wallin and June Field who run the Side By Side Theatre Group

VOLUNTEERS in Stourbridge who help young performers stage theatrical performances up and down the country have been celebrating their latest royal honour.

Members of the Side by Side Theatre Company travelled to Buckingham Palace for a special garden party hosted by The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The group, which was formed by Susan Wallin 16 years ago, have won The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognising their efforts.

Side by Side works with disabled young people to develop

their skills in acting and dance through regular performances.

Around 35 volunteers work with the group which regularly performs at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The prestigious Queen's Award is the third royal honour for the group in less than a year.

Susan, aged 69, from Norton, Stourbridge, was named a Diamond Champion by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall at St James's Palace last November and she was given an MBE this year.

### £120k A&E times fine looms

**DUDLEY'S Russells Hall may have to pay a penalty of more than £120,000 as hospitals in the region face fines of hundreds of thousands for failing to accept patients at emergency departments soon enough.**

Rules introduced in April mean hospital trusts can be fined £200 every time they take between 30 and 60 minutes for a patient to be handed over to A&E after their arrival by ambulance.

The fines, levied by local clinical commissioning groups, reach £1,000 if the wait is more than 60 minutes, as was the case with 91 ambulances in the Black Country and Stafford in April.

Hospitals in the region, including Walsall Manor, Stafford, Sandwell, Dudley's Russells Hall, Wolverhampton's New Cross, Worcestershire Royal, Birmingham Children's and Queen Elizabeth, are responsible for £429,000 of these. In the whole of the wider West Midlands region, hospitals are facing fines of £1.35 million.

Russells Hall could be fined

£128,800 for 379 handovers that took 30 to 60 minutes and 53 handovers of more than one hour.

Paula Clark, chief executive for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said the hospital had not yet been fined but the trust is in talks with Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and ambulance bosses.

Birmingham Children's Hospital faces a £4,000 fine, while Queen Elizabeth could be fined £97,000. The worst performer in the West Midlands was Birmingham's Heartlands Hospital, which faces a £219,200 fine.

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Email: tom.mason@expressandstar.co.uk or call 01902 319466**Singer books into library for festival**

A CANADIAN singer-songwriter will perform in Blackheath as part of the 29th Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival.

Melissa Lauren will play songs from her 2012 album, *The Other Side*, at Blackheath Library on July 12.

The free evening event will also be an opportunity for local musicians to showcase their talents and for music tutors and enthusiasts to network.

Event co-ordinator Ken Banks said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to bring an international tutoring jazz artist to Blackheath."

"We hope this will be the first of many events and Blackheath Library will become a regular event for the Jazz Festival."

Sandwell Council Libraries and the Birmingham Jazz and Blues Festival have collaborated with the Big Gig for the event.

To register an interest, call 0121 599 1884.

**Autumn date for new ward**

A NEW intermediate care ward will be opened at Rowley Regis Hospital by the end of the year.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the Moor Lane facility, said the ward would open this autumn.

A spokesperson added: "We will be sharing more of our plans for developments at the site as soon as they are finalised."

# Old quarry site earmarked for homes and waste plant

IT operated as a quarry for more than 100 years before being used as a landfill site.

Now ambitious multi-million pound plans have been unveiled which will transform the old Edwin Richards Quarry, creating jobs and then new homes.

The new housing and a waste treatment plant are planned for the site in Rowley Regis.

The site in Portway Road is now co-owned by Lafarge Tarmac, Hanson and FCC Environment, which are joining forces to regenerate the site in a project set to span 30 years. The walls have already created a blank canvas for graffiti artists.

The site operated as a quarry for more than 100 years until work stopped in 2008 when it ran out of stone. It was then used for landfill for domestic and commercial waste.

Development plans will see a treatment plant which is required to process materials to fill the empty quarry space.

**Restoration**

It is proposed that materials, such as soil and rubble are processed at a building which currently stands on the site.

The processing includes soil washing and removing metal from broken rubble. Once the quarry hole is filled, housing will be built on the edge of the site.

It is not at present proposed to build directly on top of the old quarry.

The treatment plant will create 20 permanent jobs during its operational phase. Construction jobs will also be created.

Spokesman Steve Sanders said the complete restoration would take between 25 and 30 years to complete and the views of residents were being sought.

He said: "Part of the restoration process is consulting with people on how they want the restoration to help them shape the



Senior FCC Environment estate manager Dave Molland at the quarry

restoration. "Part of that will include opening significant parts of the site to restoring."

"It cannot just be left as it is. It is a former quarry, it needs managing and parts of it are dangerous. If people wander on to the quarry face it is a dangerous place to be."

It needs to be restored and a significant part of the restoration is being open to the public."

FCC Environment hopes to submit a planning application to Sandwell Council before the end of the year outlining the restoration and timeframe.

"With the application that we are going to



Impressive graffiti artwork on the walls of the old quarry



Aggregate bays are still visible at the former quarry site

make at the end of the year to Sandwell Council, part of it is going to be about the detail and the restoration side and part of it will be an outline looking at the potential to create some residential at the fringes of the site because the site is so big," Mr Sanders said.

"That residential part alone would be a multi million pound development, it is really difficult to say what the cost would be."

Mr Sanders added that the planning application will also set out a definitive timescale for what will be happening at the site.

"That is another key thing – if I was living

in Rowley Regis I would want to know what was happening and when it was going to happen," he said.

"In terms of the process, we are undertaking all the works that are required to get our planning application together and that will be done during the summer and autumn."

"We are then going to bring our plans back with another exhibition which will take place in early November and we will then seek their views on what we are going to propose to the council before we put the application in."

FCC Environment is a waste and resource management company.

**Talent show could be turned into annual date**

BLACKHEATH'S talent festival could earn an annual spot on the town's calendar after the inaugural event was hailed a roaring success.

Up-and-coming performers showcased their skills at a series of free outdoor events across Rowley Regis on Saturday.

Thousands came out to bask in glorious sunshine while enjoying the talents of singers, comedians, bands and dancers from the area.

Blackheath councillor Malcolm Bridges said: "It was very good indeed and the acts were all excellent."

"It just shows that we have got a lot of young talent here and it was a real pleasure to see them perform."

The events, organised by Sandwell Council, included magic shows and dance troupe Fusion Dance, which wowed audiences on Blackheath High Street.

Councillor Bridges said he hoped the event would continue each year, depending on whether the council could afford to keep it running.

He said: "We will try our best to get that happening because I think it brings the town together."

**Transport visit**

TRANSPORT Secretary Patrick McLoughlin visited Rowley Regis rail station on Monday to see how plans for a £3 million park and ride expansion will tackle congestion.

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## NEWS

# People to have say over tax cuts for vulnerable

## Deacons head for parishes



Newly ordained – the Revs Bridget Woodall and Tom Fish

AN EX-SOCIAL worker and a former agnostic will be serving in parishes in Dudley and Stourbridge after they were ordained.

The Rev Bridget Woodall and the Rev Tom Fish were made deacons at a ceremony at Worcester Cathedral and will enter their first year of training as curates.

Miss Woodall, aged 47, who was born in Yorkshire, will move to Quarry Bank from St John's College in Nottingham.

Before training for ordination, she spent 20 years working for social services and then for The Children's Society, before becoming a fundraising manager for the charity.

She said: "In my job fundraising

for the Children's Society, I was invited to visit and speak at many local parish churches.

"It was during this time that I began to feel called to full-time ordained ministry.

"I am looking forward to exploring a new part of the country and serving the people in Quarry Bank as I start my role as assistant curate."

Mr Fish rejected Christianity at the age of 17, but four years later he had a conversion. He will serve at Christ Church in Lye.

He said: "I am passionate about the local church and long for it to be a place where people can come as they really are."

**RESIDENTS** of Dudley are being consulted on proposals for how much council tax bills are reduced for vulnerable people and low-income families.

Dudley Council is seeking views on three options for the reduction offered to taxpayers in the borough.

The choices are a 20 per cent, an 8.5 per cent or no reduction at all.

The council's cabinet have formally recommended 8.5 per cent as the preferred option but no decision will be taken until after the public consultation.

The council grants around £24 million in council tax reductions to around 33,500 households as part of its scheme and receives around 90 per cent of this back from the Government.

The reduction works out to an average £13.54 per week or £704 per year.

Chiefs will now be asking the public whether it should be reducing the £2.4 million contribution from its own funds that is helping to protect vulnerable families from increases in their council tax bills.

It follows the Government's changes to the welfare benefits system.

Cabinet member for finance, Councillor Pete Lowe said: "As local government finance continues to be under severe pressure, and as a result of our Big Question consultation exercise we remain fully committed to listening to the views of our residents."

The consultation will start next month and a decision will follow later this year.

## Wallaby house fire

A FIRE broke out in the wallaby house at Dudley Zoo last week – but all seven of the Parma wallabies escaped any injuries. Two staff at the zoo used fire extinguishers when the animals' straw bedding caught fire from an electric heater at the Castle Hill tourist attraction.

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Maple in Netherton, which specialises in tool hire and workwear, has opened a new showroom and taken on extra staff.

But the news from another part of the town was bleak with the potential loss of up to 90 jobs with a firm preparing to concentrate its operation overseas.

Control Equipment which manufactures fire alarm panels and other detection devices, could close its site in Cinder Bank, next March, if the proposals are agreed. Bosses plan to shut the site and concentrate manufacturing at its base in Ráječko in the Czech Republic.

The decision was met with dismay by Netherton councillor Qadar Zada. The firm, which employs 90 people, is owned by Tyco Fire Protection Products which says the proposals follow a review of its fire detection manufacturing sites.

The firm said it hoped to 'avoid making redundancies' and would look to re-deploy workers in other roles where possible.

A spokesman said: "Our manufacturing operation in Ráječko is a modern, 'world-class', manufacturing facility with production capabilities that are easily scalable and is one of our manufacturing 'Centres of Excellence'."

"If these proposals proceed, transfer of the production activities to Ráječko would commence over a transitional period which would result in the closure of the Dudley site on March 31."

Councillor Zada said: "I'm extremely disappointed that the firm has made the decision to look at closing the site. We need as many employers in the borough as possible in the

current climate with so many people out of work. And now there could more people looking for jobs. Manufacturing is struggling but every company makes a difference."

Meanwhile, brothers and directors Martin and Alan Humphries, aged 42 and 39, have spent the past year expanding the retail side of Maples, which has been running for more than 30 years. They have pumped £50,000 into creating the showroom and have built a new storage area. There is a shop next door for tool hire.

The firm, which also prints and embroiders workwear at its Chapel Street site, has taken on two extra staff, bringing the total to 12.

Martin, who along with his brother took over the business from their father Les, said: "Manufacturing is dwindling. It's the toughest I've known it. We've gone against the trend by expanding at a time when many other firms are folding. It's a big gamble but we didn't want to just accept these tough times."

## Mayor in the running for charity race

THE Mayor of Dudley is taking part in a 10-kilometre race for charity.

Councillor Alan Finch, other councillors and Dudley Council staff, will join hundreds of runners in The Great Black Country Road Run through Halesowen.

The group, running as part of the council's Team DB, will be raising money for the mayor's charities and other good causes on September 22.

Race organisers the Rotary Club of Halesowen and Rowley Regis, have agreed for the mayor's chosen charities to be the fifth official charity on the day alongside the Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Support, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Sunfield Children's Home, Clent.

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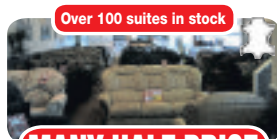
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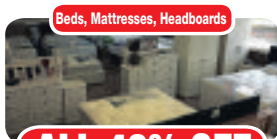
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## Stowaway gecko's 5,000-mile trip



Marian Humphries holds the gecko in a pint glass next to the fruit bowl sent by her son

WHEN Marian Humphries opened the birthday present her son had brought home from Southeast Asia, the last thing she expected to see was a pair of tiny eyes looking up at her.

But a gecko had managed to sneak into the gift before travelling more than 5,000 miles to Dudley.

The three-inch reptile, which has brown markings, survived two long-haul flights wrapped up in the parcel in a suitcase.

The gecko had hitched a lift with her son Jamie who has been living in Myanmar, where he runs a wood carving firm, for the past 10 years.

Ms Humphries, aged 70, of Woodsetton, said she was gobsmacked when she discovered the unexpected stowaway.

"My son Jamie had brought me this beautiful fruit bowl which was concerned and was wrapped and inside was this gecko."

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it. It's absolutely exquisite and so



The stowaway gecko

tiny. I think it's incredible that it travelled so far.

"My son was also very surprised as he didn't know how it had got in there."

Retired Ms Humphries, who lives in Regent Street, is now caring for the gecko but hopes to find it a permanent home.

"I would love to keep it as it is a beautiful creature but I don't know anything about geckos."

"It really was the most unusual but also unexpected present. It was the icing on the cake of a great birthday."

## Decision time over Hippodrome future

COUNCILLORS will decide the fate of Dudley Hippodrome at a meeting next month. They will take a decision on whether to grant approval for the demolition of the 1,700-seat theatre, on Castle Hill.

Dudley Council's planning committee will rule on the plans on August 5 at a meeting starting at 6pm at the council house, in Priory Road.

More than 20,000 people have signed a petition gathered over the past 18 months by campaigners bidding to save the theatre. They hope to bring back its heyday when it was one of the country's leading provincial theatres, drawing in the biggest names in show business.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome devised a business plan to show how they could reopen the venue. They have also gathered support from business owners in the town who say the theatre could help the local economy.

But the campaigners suffered a blow when their plans were deemed 'unviable' by assessors. The planning application had been on hold pending the assessor's decision.



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## CLUB NEWS

**Members  
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THE June meeting was opened by Chairman Jean Latham, who welcomed 46 members and one visitor, a founder member who promptly rejoined.

Correspondence included a 'thank you' card from a group of new members, expressing their appreciation for the help and kindness shown to them by existing members.

The luncheon club meets on July 23 at the Brasserie in Kidderminster.

Earlier in the year, guilds throughout the country were invited to compete in a competition to design a

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poster, for the purpose of attracting new members. The art group from our 'tea and talents' section created and entered a poster, which was judged to be highly creditable fourth best.

Some 31 members took part in the annual one-mile walk in aid of Macmillan nurses, followed by an 'apres walk' meal at the White Hart in Kinver.

An amusing talk was given by artist Jeff Tristram, incorporating slides of his numerous artistic advertising works. Members enjoyed perusing Jeff's self-designed puzzles and books which he had brought for sale.

The competition was won by Janet Hodder, and raffle prizes went to Pat Archer and Sue Llewellyn.

**Nearly £500 raised  
at Jane Austen Tea**

### STOURBRIDGE SOROPTIMISTS

DR Jane Flint Bridgewater, president of Stourbridge club, and social secretary Ann Middleton welcomed fellow Soroptimists, friends and interested ladies to a Jane Austen Tea at Himley Hall.

A preceding themed quiz, raffle, cake-weigh and sale, added to the tickets for and costume presentation of Jane Austen's Reflections, raised nearly £500 towards the club's efforts for 'New Beginnings' (Chadys refuge) education and also began its contribution to the national Birthing in The Gambia project.

Jane Austen helped local needy women and taught village children to read. The most she was ever offered for her copyrights in her lifetime was just £450.

She lost all four first sisters-in-law to mortality associated with childbirth.

Soroptimist International



Soroptimists enjoy the Jane Austen Tea at Himley Hall

is a global voice for women with a seat at the UN, and making a significant difference to the lives of women and girls everywhere. If you are interested in visiting/supporting/becoming a member contact either Dr Jane Flint Bridgewater

on 01384 397565, or membership and development officers Maggie Bayliss and Su Roxburgh on 01384 400466. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Hagley Golf and Country Club.

**Quiz team is edged out**

### K'FORD TG

AT the June meeting, held at the community centre in High Street, Kingswinford's quiz team was congratulated on coming a very close second to Oldswinford in the Inter-Guild Competition.

There was a brief discussion on the mandate which will be debated by the delegates at the National AGM.

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be at the Harvester.

Speaker was Trevor Johnson, a Black Country poet, reading some of his own works, delivered with humour, affection, a little sadness, poignancy and pragmatism. He was warmly thanked by Josie Smith.

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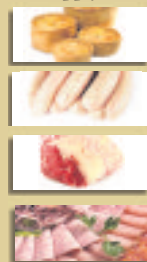
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# Nightmare boy racers are caught in speed crackdown after complaints

**BOY racers tearing along a busy dual carriageway between Stourbridge and Halesowen are causing 'a living nightmare' for residents and businesses.**

But dozens of them were caught after officers set up speed checks following complaints. More than 40 of the young drivers were caught speeding in one meeting after police responded to reports about vehicles causing nuisance in the car parks of Premier Inn and The Badgers Set pub off the A456.

Sharon Henderson, team leader at The Badgers Set, in Stourbridge, said: "They treat

the road like a game – tearing out of the car park on the road at high speeds without even looking.

"We try and stop them coming on the car park, but without enough staff it is not wise to go out there – it's a living nightmare."

She added: "I have been here for 10 years and it's been going on for as long as I remember.

## Problems

"They come along in the late evening, congregate and then screech around before going onto the road."

West Mercia Police spokesman Lynne Masters said officers were last called to the stretch of road last Sunday at about 8.30pm. It followed reports

from a nearby business of 30 vehicles in a road layby. She said: "Police found about 40 of them speeding."

Pc Tim Burling said: "We do hear of problems of boy racers and we do respond to it. "It's often something which comes and goes, but we are aware it is not nice for people who live nearby."

Last week West Mercia Police set up speed checkpoints on rural roads where the speed limit is 30mph in Clent, Belbroughton and Hagley to raise awareness.

While West Midlands Police has been carrying out checks on the A456 Manor Way dual carriageway, in Halesowen, from the M5 at junction three to the Grange Road island.



Vehicles speed pass the Badgers Set

## Back to the 40s with weekend fun

VISITORS to Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone will have a taste of the 1940s this weekend. There will be costumed re-enactors, military vehicles and vintage stalls selling accessories and clothing.

The Victorian Westerners will be in full 1940s get-up and acting out themed vignettes. On Saturday there will be a Lindy Hoppers dance display from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be free vintage makeovers on Sunday courtesy of Birmingham-based Le Keux salon. Ladies can get a taste of 1940s style with ruby red pouts, powdered skin, made-up eyes and hairdos from 11am to 3pm.

On both days there will be open studios with the made@the cone collective featuring ceramics, glass beads, clocks, fused and blown glass and jewellery.

The hot glass studio will also be running glassblowing demonstrations over the weekend, and there's a chance to look at the Lace Guild's International exhibition, Contrasts. Visitors can also look around the cone's Second World War exhibition.

## Having a laugh at comedy festival



**Landlord Mike Cartwright, left and comedian Paul Downes, AKA Frankie Peoples, prepare for the laughter**

THEY have won national accolades and appeared on TV – but for one weekend only they will be swapping the studios for pubs in Stourbridge.

Edinburgh festival winner Phil Nicol will lead the star-studded list of comedians bound to give pub-goers a laugh at the Stourbridge Comedy Festival later this month.

Along with TV's Lucy Porter and up-and-coming star Nick Helm, Phil will visit the town for the three-day event. Organiser and town comedian Frankie Peoples, who will also be performing, said: "It's about the closest you can get round here to going to the Edinburgh festival."

The event will kick off at Moochers Bar, New Road with Phil Nichol and Nick Helm on July 18.

The next day Stourbridge Football Club will host Glee Club and Comedy Store act Carey Marx, and Lucy Porter. Bookings are available on [www.comedyhut.org](http://www.comedyhut.org) or twitter @comedy\_hut

## Former nurse is choice for Labour

STOURBRIDGE Labour Party members have selected Councillor Pete Lowe as their parliamentary candidate.

Stourbridge is a key battleground seat – Conservative MP Margot James has a majority of 5,164 over Labour.

The Stourbridge North and Lye councillor was selected at hustings held on Saturday.

He was competing against BBC London journalist Warren Nettleford who was brought up in Dudley, Red-ditch Councillor John Fisher, Wolverhampton former teacher Savita Sehdev and lawyer Tom McNeill.

Councillor Lowe said: "I am hugely honoured to have been selected as Labour's candidate for Stourbridge.

"I grew up locally and live locally, what happens here matters to me. My aim is to represent the community. I was born in the community, bred in the community and I believe in this community."

Councillor Lowe said one of his top priorities would be to focus on the NHS.

He added: "I worked locally as a nurse for 10 years and care deeply about our health service."

## Future

"I've spoken to both patients and health workers in Stourbridge and they've all told me they are worried about the future of the NHS."

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# Opening times at police station may be cut back

**OPENING** hours at a police station in the Black Country could be cut under new plans.

Police chiefs are looking at scaling down the opening hours of Old Hill Police Station from 10am-6pm to 10am-2pm.

They say the station is under-used and the move will free up officers to patrol the streets.

South Sandwell Police Insp Ian Massey said at present there is an operational officer sitting in the Halesowen Road police station for eight hours a day.

However, if that is cut to four hours then the officer would spend the rest of the shift on the beat. It comes after monitoring of visitor numbers revealed, on average, just one or two residents visit the station on a daily basis.

"We don't want to close the facility altogether," he said.

"We have noticed we have very few visitors to Old Hill police station at certain times of the day. As a result we are considering options on the best way of staffing the front office and providing an effective service to the public. We are in the process of consulting local councillors and the public to gauge feedback before any decision is made."

## Approved

Insp Massey said the proposals were only in the early stages and a date for implementation – if the proposals are approved – was not yet known.

If the changes go ahead anyone who goes to the station when it is closed would still be able to use an intercom service to speak to the police control centre.

They would either then send an immediate response for an emergency, or arrange an appointment for the resident.

Insp Massey added: "I think the community get a great deal of reassurance from having the station there."

Rowley Regis ward Councillor Barbara Price has been consulted on the proposals and supports the plans.

## Call the Midwife duty for Kaye



Kaye Lander with Jemma Partridge and Brendan-Lee, who was born in bathroom

HEAVILY pregnant Jemma Partridge had arrived home in Stourbridge with what she thought were stomach pains but minutes later she was lying on the bathroom floor in shock having given birth to her son.

The 18-year-old had been living with project worker Kaye Lander at her home and she was called in to help.

They called 999 but before paramedics arrived Kaye had to deliver the baby.

"I couldn't believe it. You just go on automatic pilot really and do what you have to do," said Kaye who is a mother of two, from Larkhill Road, Wollaston.

She is one of the YMCA's Open Door Scheme home hosts giving young people somewhere to stay before they find their feet.

On June 3, Jemma had been complaining of stomach aches while out with Kaye, so the pair returned home at around 11.15am.

But Jemma text messaged Kaye to come and help just a few moments later. The birth had already started causing Jemma to momentarily pass out, forcing Kaye to deliver the baby with the support of the 999 operator.

Jemma gave birth to Brendan-Lee, weighing 8lbs 7oz, and Kaye wrapped him in towels to keep warm.

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## NEWS

# Building work ready to start on £4m fire base



Councillor John Edwards, far right, digs in at the new fire station site. Picture: West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service

**WORK on the £4 million community fire station for Cradley Heath and Halesowen will start later this month.**

It will stand on a 1.1 acre site next to Haden Hill leisure centre facing the Halesowen Road and Barrs Road junction.

Works is expected to take around 40 weeks and the building will be fully operational by April.

It has been designed by architects and consultants Savills, which will manage its delivery.

Building contractors, Walsall-based Bullock Construction Ltd, will employ a number of young people from local construction colleges on the project as part of the deal.

The station will be a base for 44 fire-fighters and a fire engine. It will have three vehicle bays, with a new brigade

response vehicle expected to be housed there from 2015.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service vehicle and crew will also start and end their duties from the site.

Fire crews who will be based there have designed a range of training facilities.

## Power

Behind the station there will also be a purpose-designed area where the firefighters can practise skills they need to respond to road traffic collisions, complete with removable street furniture such as bollards and lamp posts.

The main building will also include facilities for use by the community, built-in educational features to help teach visitors about fire and electrical safety, an eco-friendly 'green' roof, complete with power-generating pho-

tovoltaic cells and a kitchen, mess room and gym for firefighters.

Councillor John Edwards, chair of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "We are keeping our promise to people in Halesowen and Cradley Heath to provide a brand new fire station, and to meet our five-minute target response time for life-threatening incidents.

"We are also delivering on our pledge to direct our rapidly reducing budget towards our front line. Fire authority priorities are all about stations, crews, equipment and prevention.

"This is how we will meet our aim of making West Midlands safer."

Assistant chief fire officer Phil Hales added: "The building clearly demonstrates our commitment to the local area, and we hope that people will make full use of its community facilities."

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## COMPETITION

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THERE'S seemingly an impossible amalgamation between glamour and dentures, but these unlikely descriptive bedfellows are increasingly being thrown together at a ground-breaking Dudley clinic.

Under the watchful eye of dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Denture Clinic, based in North Street, hi-spec prescriptions are helping turn back the hands of time.

Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciplines – general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic



makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes.

"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary

salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

"I believe many of them have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

Graduating with honours, Steven undertook a further year's study under the auspices of The Royal College of Surgeons.

## Options

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## What's On!

# No worries – Lion King is the 'mane' attraction



Nicholas Nkuna as Simba and Carole Stennett as Nala



South African singer Gugwana Dlamini stars as Rafiki

Disney presents **The Lion King**, Birmingham Hippodrome

THE popular Disney animated movie turned blockbuster musical has roared into the Midlands and it is a spectacular production that will live long in the memory.

That's just how it should be, when audiences are paying West End prices they expect and deserve London theatreland production values. Disney deliver those in this colourful, creative touring version of the West End and Broadway hit.

The costumes and puppets are breathtaking, right from the moment elephants and a rhino stroll down the Hippodrome aisles to join leaping antelopes and lofty giraffes striding across the stage as the international cast sing Elton John's Circle of Life.

It is a jaw-dropping set piece, matched at the start of the second act

when the actors turn the auditorium into an aviary for swooping buzzards and birds of paradise.

The scenery and costumes are ingenious as actors become grassland savannahs with the help of surreal hats or herd of gazelles via a double bicycle contraption.

### Dynamic

At the heart of the show is a simple story of a boy becoming a man, or rather cub becoming a lion, as Simba learns to face up to his responsibilities and make his murdered father proud by saving the family pride of lions.

Several youngsters share the roles of young lion and lioness Simba and Nala. At this performance dynamic little Joshua Cameron and delightful Donica Elliston were excellent.

Nicholas Nkuna had a noble bearing and good voice as Simba, almost eclipsed by Carole Stennett as the

feisty strong-voiced Nala. Stephen Carlile verged on panto villain as Simba's evil uncle Scar but the incredible Gugwana Dlamini, the best singer by far, was the audience's favourite as the bizarre baboon Rafiki.

Of course, the children's favourites are wisecracking duo Timon and the flatulent Pumbaa, excellent characterisations by John Hasler and Mark Roper respectively in elaborate costume puppet combinations.

This production is not without flaws, sometimes Tim Rice's witty lyrics are lost in the mix. But the catchiest song Hakuna Matata – Swahili for 'no worries' – was so infectious that many left the theatre singing it after the audience gave the show a standing ovation.

You can feel the love for this show. It continues at the Hippodrome until September 28

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# What's On! Halesowen

## Free jazz festival gig at The Public

JAZZ singer Roy Forbes will be performing with a quartet in a free gig at The Public in West Bromwich as part of Birmingham International Blues and Jazz Festival.

The gig featuring the Brian Dee Quartet takes place on Saturday from 8pm. Mr Forbes began his jazz career with the late Birmingham jazz legend Andy Hamilton. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "The festival coincides with the launch of the New Square Development, so over the course of the weekend West Bromwich will be buzzing with activity."

## Rock legend has Civic concert date

LED Zeppelin rock legend Robert Plant will make a triumphant return home to Wolverhampton Civic Hall for a concert on September 2. Plant will perform with his latest band - Sensational Space Shifters - as one of just two UK dates.

The West Bromwich-born singer last played at the Civic in 2005 when he did two shows.

The legendary Led Zep frontman is currently touring in America and his only other date in the UK is at Bristol Colston Hall.

## Never sing alone

THE Birmingham and Midland Operatic Society stage classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Carousel, most famous for the song You'll Never Walk Alone, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre this week.

# Blue all rise to occasion with a headline set at Judgestock

## Life is a Grand cabaret for Will

POP star Will Young is heading to Wolverhampton to take a lead role in the touring version of the recent West End hit production of Cabaret.

The raunchy, hard-hitting musical set in 1930s Germany, contrasting hedonistic lifestyles with the rise of the Nazis, will be performed at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from November 26 to 30.

Will Young was nominated for a prestigious Olivier award for his portrayal of the comic yet sinister character Emcee. The 34-year-old rose to fame after winning the first Pop Idol contest in 2002, and still holds the record for the fastest selling debut single in British chart history with Evergreen.

As well as scoring four number one singles, he has pursued an acting career, appearing with Dame Judi Dench in the film Mrs Henderson Presents.

The new version of Cabaret, the story of Berlin nightclub singer Sally Bowles, features such popular songs as Money Makes The World Go Round, Maybe This Time and title song Cabaret. Tickets cost between £21.50 and £39.50, available on 01902 429212 or at [www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk)

Meanwhile, the 1960s heyday of crooners Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr is subject of tribute show Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular at the Grand on Sunday evening.



Will Young stars in musical Cabaret coming to Wolverhampton Grand

**CHART-TOPPERS** Blue will be playing at the three-day festival Judgestock in the heart of the Black Country at Sandwell Valley over August Bank Holiday weekend

Organisers have promised that next month's event will be bigger and better than ever with three stages featuring acts including a headline set from recently reunited boy band Blue, who had hits with All Rise, Too Close and If You Come Back.

Also on the bill is rocker Mitchel Emms, who recently featured on BBC TV show The Voice, along with various tribute acts, local bands and young people from Coneysgre Arts in Tipton.

The festival organised by Lee Judge has raised thousands for Macmillan Cancer Support over the years in memory of Simon Turton, a friend who lost his battle with cancer in 2011.

The 38-year-old who lives in West Bromwich said: "The festival is going to be huge. Previously, Judgestock has been a one-day event but this year we really wanted to put on a weekend festival to rival some of the bigger events."

Lee has raised close to £125,000 for various causes over the past 17 years. He added: "Last year we donated around £2,000 to Macmillan and we're looking to better



Festival organiser Lee Judge

that this year."

The event, August 24-26, also support the Mayor of Sandwell's charities, Birmingham Midland Eye Centre and Better Understanding of Dementia in Sandwell.

Tickets cost £12 per day for adults or £30 for all three days. Children's tickets cost £6 or £15 three days (all plus booking fees), with under-5s free when accompanied by paying adult. For information see [www.judgestockmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.judgestockmusicfestival.co.uk).

## REVIEW

**Fans lap up Felice despite unnerving stares at audience**

Simon Felice and Dan Whitehouse, Glee Club, Birmingham.

AMERICAN singer/songwriter Simone Felice is certainly an unusual musician not least for the fact that he was once pronounced clinically dead.

However, having recovered from what was a brain aneurysm as a teenager, he has gone on to become a passionate musician, poet and author.

Felice from The Cat-skills, complete with hat and rather unnerving way of staring at his audience, opened with Dawn Brady's Son, from his self-titled album, followed by New York Times.

Fans also lapped up Hey Bobby Ray, Song for Pearl an upbeat country song dedicated to and about his daughter and then, for his partner You and I.

There was more than a touch of the Meat Loaf power ballad about Scarecrow which brought in the heavy metal sound too.

Towards the end he brought the support act, Dan Whitehouse back on stage to join in with Neil Young's Helpless.

The Wolverhampton singer/songwriter is maturing into a really fine performer and is certainly one to watch. His next album, Reaching for a State of Mind, will be officially launched on September 29 at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham.

Danny Farragher



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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 13.07.13

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<p><b>Russell Watson</b></p> <p><b>The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala</b> <b>BBC1, 7pm</b> Last summer, we helped Her Maj mark the 60th anniversary of her ascending to the throne, and now, 12 months on, we're doing it all again, this time as she celebrates 60 years since her coronation. A three-day Coronation Festival at Buckingham Palace climaxes with a spectacular evening gala. The Fanfare Trumpeters from the Household Division open the show, which also features performances from Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson, Katie Melua, The Feeling and the English National Ballet.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Breakfast. <b>10.00</b> Saturday Kitchen Live. <b>11.30</b> Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) <b>12.00</b> BBC News: Regional News. Weather. <b>12.15</b> Bargain Hunt. (R) <b>1.00</b> Live MotoGP. <b>2.00</b> Athletics: British Championships. <b>4.10</b> Escape to the Country. (R) <b>5.10</b> Room 101 - Extra Storage. (R) <b>5.50</b> Pointless Celebrities. (R) <b>6.40</b> BBC News: Regional News; Weather.</p> <p><b>7.00</b> <b>The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala</b>. Sophie Raworth and Gareth Malone present highlights of the concert from Buckingham Palace, featuring Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson and Katie Melua.</p> <p><b>8.20</b> <b>The National Lottery: In It to Win It</b>. Dale Winton hosts as five contestants compete to be in the right place at the right time to win a share of the loot. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by OJ Borg.</p> <p><b>9.10</b> <b>Casualty</b>. Tom is on a personal visit to a prison when a disturbance breaks out and the trouble spreads. Zoe deals with a young girl who will go to great lengths to connect with her mother.</p> <p><b>10.00</b> <b>Mrs Brown's Boys</b>. Agnes worries her family is too secretive. (R)</p> <p><b>10.30</b> <b>BBC News</b>: Weather; National Lottery Update.</p> <p><b>10.50</b> <b>Film: Enemy of the State</b>. (1998) An encounter with an old friend derails a lawyer's life as he ends up framed for murder and pursued by government agents. Thriller, starring Will Smith.</p> <p><b>12.50</b> Weatherview. <b>12.55</b> BBC News.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> This Is BBC Two. <b>6.05</b> <b>Film: The Half Naked Truth</b>. (1932) <b>7.20</b> <b>Film: Best of the Badmen</b>. (1951) <b>8.40</b> The Sky at Night. (R) <b>9.00</b> A History of Scotland. (R) <b>10.00</b> Life in the Freezer. (R) <b>10.30</b> Triathlon. <b>12.00</b> The A to Z of TV Cooking. <b>12.45</b> Golf: The Story of the Open Championship 2012. <b>1.40</b> EastEnders. (R) <b>3.30</b> Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.</p> <p><b>6.10</b> <b>Flog It</b> Anita Manning and Adam Partridge value items at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, and Paul Martin visits Beamish, the Living Museum of the North in Co Durham. (R)</p> <p><b>7.10</b> <b>Dad's Army</b>. The platoon re-enacts the battle between St George and the dragon. (R)</p> <p><b>7.40</b> <b>Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible - Natural World Special</b>. Documentary following a team of scientists using underwater robots and state-of-the-art submarines to try to find and film a living giant squid for the first time.</p> <p><b>8.25</b> <b>Ol XL</b>. With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey and Susan Calman. (R)</p> <p><b>9.10</b> <b>Top of the Lake</b>. New series. A 12-year-old is found to be pregnant and child-protection specialist Robin Griffin is called in to assist local police.</p> <p><b>10.10</b> <b>Alive: Rankin Faces Death - A Culture Show Special</b>.</p> <p><b>11.10</b> <b>Film: Rabbit Hole</b>. (2010) Premiere. A couple try to keep their marriage from falling apart as they take different approaches to coping with their son's death. Drama, with Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart.</p> <p><b>12.35</b> Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. <b>1.35</b> This Is BBC Two.</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. <b>6.15</b> Jake and the Neverland Pirates. <b>6.25</b> Poppy Cat. <b>6.40</b> Poppy Cat. <b>6.50</b> Animals. (R) <b>7.00</b> Animals. (R) <b>7.10</b> Bookaboo. <b>7.20</b> Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. <b>7.35</b> The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! <b>8.00</b> Gravity Falls. <b>8.25</b> ITV News. <b>8.30</b> Dinner Date. (R) <b>9.25</b> The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) <b>10.15</b> Murder, She Wrote. (R) <b>11.15</b> Saturday Farm. <b>12.15</b> ITV News: Weather. <b>12.25</b> All Star Mr &amp; Mrs. (R) <b>1.25</b> The Chase. (R) <b>2.25</b> Film: Bill &amp; Ted's Excellent Adventure. (1989) <b>4.00</b> Midsomer Murders. (R) <b>6.00</b> <b>Regional Programme</b>: Weather.</p> <p><b>6.15</b> <b>ITV News</b>: Weather.</p> <p><b>6.30</b> <b>You've Been Framed!</b> Comical clips, featuring an exploding beanbag. (R)</p> <p><b>7.00</b> <b>You've Been Framed!</b> Humorous footage, including a Reliant Robin that flips 360 degrees. (R)</p> <p><b>7.30</b> <b>Your Face Sounds Familiar</b>. Guest judge Peter Andre joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.</p> <p><b>8.45</b> <b>All Star Family Fortunes</b>. Hollyoaks star Danny Mac (Mark "Dodger" Savage) and Claire Richards from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts the game show.</p> <p><b>9.45</b> <b>The Americans</b>. Horror, starring Morris Chestnut and Lena Headey. <b>2.00</b> Verry Terry. (R) <b>2.25</b> Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) <b>2.30</b> Mesh: The Wrong Turn. (R) <b>2.35</b> Southland. (R) <b>3.25</b> Hollyoaks. (R) <b>5.35</b> Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> The Treacle People. (R) <b>6.10</b> The Hoobs. (R) <b>6.35</b> The Hoobs. (R) <b>7.05</b> Caterham UK Racing. <b>7.30</b> The Grid. <b>8.00</b> The Morning Line. <b>9.00</b> Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) <b>9.30</b> Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) <b>10.00</b> Frasier. (R) <b>10.30</b> Frasier. (R) <b>11.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. (R) <b>11.30</b> The Big Bang Theory. (R) <b>12.00</b> The Simpsons. (R) <b>12.30</b> Undercover Boss Canada. (R) <b>1.30</b> Channel 4 Racing. <b>4.15</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>4.45</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>5.15</b> Come Dine with Me. (R) <b>5.50</b> Come Dine with Me. (R)</p> <p><b>6.20</b> <b>Come Dine with Me</b>. Hairdresser Kim Connor hosts the final party in Huddersfield, hoping her American diner-themed menu will delight her guests. (R)</p> <p><b>6.50</b> <b>Channel 4 News</b>.</p> <p><b>7.15</b> <b>Ramadan Diaries</b>.</p> <p><b>7.20</b> <b>Grand Designs</b>. The conversion of a lifeboat station into a contemporary home. (R)</p> <p><b>8.20</b> <b>The Million Pound Drop Live</b>. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.</p> <p><b>10.00</b> <b>Film: Repo Men</b>. (2010) Premiere. A man employed to repossess artificial organs questions his career when he needs a mechanical heart he cannot pay for. Sci-fi thriller, with Jude Law and Forest Whitaker.</p> <p><b>12.15</b> <b>Film: The Cave</b>. (2005) Horror, starring Morris Chestnut and Lena Headey. <b>2.00</b> Verry Terry. (R) <b>2.25</b> Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) <b>2.30</b> Mesh: The Wrong Turn. (R) <b>2.35</b> Southland. (R) <b>3.25</b> Hollyoaks. (R) <b>5.35</b> Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Milkshake! <b>10.00</b> Power Rangers Samurai. (R) <b>10.30</b> ThunderCats. (R) <b>11.00</b> Inside Hollywood. <b>11.05</b> Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) <b>12.30</b> Cowboy Traders. (R) <b>1.30</b> CSI: NY. (R) <b>2.25</b> CSI: NY. (R) <b>3.15</b> Film: Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise. (2006) <b>5.00</b> Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead.</p> <p><b>7.00</b> <b>Cricket: The Ashes</b>. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the First Test at Trent Bridge, where the second innings was likely to be taking shape ahead of the final day.</p> <p><b>8.00</b> <b>NCIS</b>. The team tries to locate a kidnapped girl but has to contend with her grandfather, a former member of a disbanded special forces unit who interferes in the case. (R)</p> <p><b>9.00</b> <b>NCIS</b>. The team investigates what at first appears to be a straightforward robbery, until Tony discovers a homeowner lied to police after shooting the intruder. (R)</p> <p><b>9.50</b> <b>5 News Weekend</b>.</p> <p><b>10.00</b> <b>Big Brother</b>. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.</p> <p><b>11.00</b> <b>Big Brother's Bit on the Psych</b>. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.</p> <p><b>12.00</b> SuperCasino. <b>4.00</b> Nick's Quest. (R) <b>4.25</b> Make It Big. (R) <b>4.50</b> Roary the Racing Car. (R) <b>5.00</b> Angels of Jarm. (R) <b>5.10</b> Hana's Helpline. (R) <b>5.20</b> Angels of Jarm. (R) <b>5.25</b> The Funky Valley Show. (R) <b>5.40</b> Roary the Racing Car. (R) <b>5.50</b> Hana's Helpline. (R)</p>	<p><b>BBC Three</b> <b>7.00</b> UEFA Women's Euro 2013. Finland v Sweden (Kick-off 7.30pm). <b>9.30</b> The Script and Dizzee Rascal @ <b>11.00</b> Rihanna and Calvin Harris @ <b>T</b> <b>BBC Four</b> <b>7.00</b> Heritage! The Battle for Britain's Past <b>8.00</b> Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole. An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered <b>9.00</b> Wallander: The Man Who Smiled <b>11.10</b> Bobby Bland: Two Steps from the Blues</p> <p><b>ITV2</b> <b>4.55</b> <b>Film: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope</b> (1977) <b>7.30</b> <b>Film: The Mummy</b> (1999) <b>10.00</b> <b>Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck &amp; Larry</b> (2007)</p> <p><b>ITV3</b> <b>2.45</b> <b>Film: The Four Musketeers</b> (1974) <b>4.55</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot <b>7.00</b> Agatha Christie's Marple <b>9.00</b> Lewis <b>11.00</b> Cold Blood II</p> <p><b>ITV4</b> <b>2.00</b> Tour de France 2013 Live. 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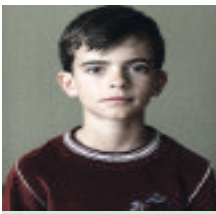


## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 14.07.13

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## CHOICE



Swann Nambotin

The Returned  
Channel 4, 9pm

What is going on in the small French town? We've seen five episodes so far, and we're none the wiser. Instead, we're intrigued, gripped and, if truth be known, a little bit frustrated; it's time we learned a little bit more about what's going on, if only for our peace of mind. Pierre should certainly not be trusted – after all, he was present when little Victor and his family were slaughtered by burglars. Nevertheless, he remains a trusted member of the community, especially after he calls a meeting of the families affected by the school-bus accident.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.30** Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earthflight. (R)

**6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**7.00** Antiques Roadshow. The team values more decorative objects and rarities at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, including a painting thought to be by Constable and a set of designs for exotic jewellery.

**8.00** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson visit the Shetlands, where highlights include Viking chess, a dancing pony and a search for one of the UK's rarest birds – the red-necked phalarope.

**9.00** The White Queen. Warwick orders Isabel back to England to retain her husband George's loyalty to King Henry VI, while Margaret Beaufort is furious to discover Elizabeth has had a son.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** Luther. The detective's date is interrupted by news of another murder. (R)

**11.25** Live at the Apollo. With Kevin Bridges, Shappi Khorsandi and Jack Whitehall. (R)

**11.55** Film: Two for the Money. (2005) Gambling drama, with Al Pacino.

**1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.00** Film: Every Day's a Holiday. (1965) **8.30** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP **2.00** Athletics: British Championships. **4.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.

**6.30** A Race Against Time: Hilary Lister's Round Britain Dream.

**7.30** Wild Cameramen at Work. New series. Five wildlife cameramen reflect on their favourite natural history moments.

**8.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May head to Spain to help its struggling economy and create a street circuit. Benedict Cumberbatch drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

**9.00** Hunt vs. Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals. The battle for the 1976 world drivers' championship.

**10.00** Blackadder the Third. The new prime minister plots to bankrupt the Prince Regent. (R)

**10.35** Mock the Week. With Josh Widdicombe, Ed Byrne and Hal Cruttenden. (R)

**11.05** What a Load of Buzzcocks. Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2007. (R)

**11.35** Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. Action from the fourth round of this year's tournament.

**12.35** Film: Everything. (2004) **2.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.00** Holby City. (R) **4.00** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Butowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality. (1974) **1.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.25** Film: Always. (1989) **4.35** A Touch of Frost. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather.

**6.45** ITV News: Weather.

**7.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Jane McDonald, Rosemary Shrager and Louie Spence take part in the quiz show in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Ben Shephard presents.

**8.00** All Star Mr & Mrs. With Una Healy of the Saturdays and England rugby union player Ben Foden. TV presenter Yvette Fielding and her husband Karl Beattie, and comedian Eddie Large with his wife Patsy.

**9.00** Law & Order: UK. New series. Part one of two. A suicidal man causes a train crash and 15 deaths.

**10.00** ITV News: Weather.

**10.15** The Talent Show Story. How the X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows. (R)

**11.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.10** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** Monk. (R) **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** FIA GT Series. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **7.55** Rat Race Dirty Weekend. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Film: Fame. (2009) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. **5.05** Film: Marley and Me. (2008) Drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.

**7.20** Channel 4 News.

**7.50** Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan.

**7.55** Boudica's Lost Tribe: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson traces the story of the female warrior, following an excavation in Norfolk that may hold clues to what happened to her tribe, the Iceni, after their defeat. (R)

**9.00** The Returned. The town is affected by a power cut, with Pierre forming a community around Camille and Julie finding refuge at Laure's house with Victor, whose body is undergoing a transformation.

**10.10** Film: Attack the Block. (2011) A student nurse and a teenage gang band together to fight off alien invaders terrorising a south London tower block. Sci-fi comedy thriller, with Jodie Whittaker.

**11.55** Film: Rec 2. (2009) Horror sequel, with Jonathan Meller, Oscar Sanchez Zafra and Manuela Velasco.

**1.25** Film: KM 31. (2006) Horror, starring Ilana Fox. **3.10** Location, Location. (R) **4.05** Countdown. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.15** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.50** Inside Hollywood. (R) **10.55** Big Brother. (R) **11.50** BB 015: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **12.55** Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. (1968) **3.45** Film: An American Tail. (1986) **5.15** Film: Charlie's Angels. (2000) Action adventure, starring Drew Barrymore.

**7.00** Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia.

**8.00** Once Upon a Time. Emma, Mr Gold and Henry find Baelfire in Manhattan.

**8.55** 5 News Weekend.

**9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

**10.00** Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage.

**12.05** Film: Today You Die. (2005) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **1.45** SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hanna's Helpline. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hanna's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** UEFA Women's Euro 2013  
**9.30** The Killers @ T. Tonight's headline performance by the Las Vegas-based rockers. **11.00** David Guetta and Labrinth @ T  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Frost on Interviews **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank  
**10.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years  
**11.00** When Albums Ruled the World

**ITV2**  
**2.10** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **4.10** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **6.45** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** Film: Knocked Out (2007) **11.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

**ITV3**  
**4.05** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **5.55** Wycliffe **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: The Portrait of a Lady (1996) **11.55** Blue Murder

**ITV4**  
**1.30** Tour de France 2013 Live. Stage 15 from Givors to Mont Ventoux. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** World's Wildest Police Videos **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **11.00** Film: The Killer Inside Me (2010)

**E4**  
**4.30** 90210 **5.25** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** Film: Just My Luck (2006) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Skins: Fire – Part Two

**Film4**  
**2.55** Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.35** Oliver Twist (2005) **7.10** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** Season of the Witch (2011) **10.50** Harsh Times (2005)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### Wild Hearts, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A widowed Los Angeles police detective inherits a mustang ranch in Montana. He takes over the running of the place, as well as becoming the local sheriff. Meanwhile, as he and his rebellious daughter struggle with the change in lifestyle, he also has to come to terms with his own troubled past. Drama, starring Richard Thomas and Nancy McKeon. (2006)

#### TUESDAY

##### Mystery Woman: Game Time, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Amateur sleuth Samantha Kinsey manages to persuade a reclusive author to attend a book-signing event - but ends up having to solve his murder. A shady video-games designer seen near the body seems the likely culprit, but she is convinced he is innocent. Drama, starring Kellie Martin. (2005)

##### Dirty Pretty Things, BBC1, 11.35pm

A Nigerian illegal immigrant living in London takes a job at a hotel frequented by drug dealers. When he discovers evidence of a murder, he dares not go to the police about it, and instead embarks on a danger-filled investigation of his own. Stephen Frears' drama, starring Audrey Tautou and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2002)



Gladiator, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Planet of the Apes, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A spaceship crash-lands on a mysterious planet where humans are mute creatures who find themselves at the mercy of intelligent apes. The world's simian rulers are horrified when one of the crew reveals he can speak and plan to have him killed, but two chimpanzee scientists intervene, determined to learn from the new arrival. Sci-fi drama, starring Charlton Heston. (1968)

#### THURSDAY

##### Arizona Raiders, Channel 4, 1.25pm

In the aftermath of the American Civil War, two Confederate soldiers are offered a way out of jail. Their former comrades-in-arms are now a gang of bandits terrorising Arizona, and the two prisoners are sent to infiltrate the group and bring them to justice. Western, starring Audie Murphy and Gloria Talbott. (1965)

#### FRIDAY

##### Gladiator, ITV, 10.35pm

Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius is a casualty of a power struggle between the corrupt Emperor Commodus and the senate. Ordered to be put to death along with his family, he escapes his would-be killers and is sold into slavery, only to become a gladiator and seek revenge for the murder of his wife and child. Oscar-winning period epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. (2000)

### Pick of the Week

## Robin feels the baby blues on her home turf

Dark skies, brooding atmosphere, mystery and people in peril... We could be talking about Scandinavian noir, that breed of programmes that has taken British TV by storm over the past four years, or even Channel 4's moody French import, *The Returned*.

But no, we're describing New Zealand's attempt to get in on the broody drama act.

Top of the Lake has been co-written and co-directed by acclaimed Kiwi film-maker Jane Campion, whose previous work includes *The Piano* (for which she won a Best Screenplay Oscar, as well as the Palme d'Or), *The Portrait of a Lady* and *Bright Star*.

However, there is an international feel about the production, thanks to the presence in the cast of Americans Elisabeth Moss and Holly Hunter (who's reunited with Campion here for the first time since winning a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance in *The Piano*), Australians David Wenham and Thomas M Wright, and Scotsman Peter Mullan.

Fans of *Mad Men* may receive a jolt when they see Moss dressed

down in the lead role after becoming used to watching her as the immaculately attired secretary-turned-copywriter Peggy Olson. The actress could hardly believe her luck when the script of *Top of the Lake* landed in her lap.

"I've always been a huge fan of Jane Campion, she does such incredible work, so many different kinds of things, but they always have her own sensibility about them," says Moss. "She is the epitome of the actor's director so getting the opportunity to learn from her and be challenged by her has been such an incredible part of this experience."

Moss plays Detective Robin Griffin, a child protection officer, who's recently returned to her home town to nurse her ailing mother.

When pregnant 12-year-old local girl Tui Mitcham is rescued from a frozen lake, it's Robin who's called in to take care of her case. Her investigation uncovers disturbing facts about the locals - not to mention aspects of her own life she'd rather forget.

"Robin is one of those incredible female roles that are really rare where

you have a character who is strong and feminine, who has a lot to do and who has an incredible emotional journey," explains Moss.

"Jane understands the complexities of people, and she obviously has a gift for female characters that have those complexities, showing that they're not always right, they're not always wrong, they're not always beautiful - they're often ugly, they're not always strong but they're incredibly powerful. So for me it's sort of a dream role and it's very different from anything I've ever done."

So, why should we tune in?

"The story becomes Robin's search for herself as she's also diving into her own past that she's been running away from," claims Moss. "It's a detective story, it's a mystery, it has all these elements about it that are sort of tried and true."

"But what makes it different is it's got the Jane Campion touch. So everything is just a lot darker, a lot stranger, a lot more complicated than that."

You've sold it to us Elisabeth - bring on those dark skies!



Elisabeth Moss (centre) stars in *Top of the Lake*, Saturday, BBC2, 9.10pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### The Gadget Show Channel 5, 8pm

Boys may love their toys, but who said gadgets have to be just for blokes? Rachel Riley seems to have a fine time working on this series, as she proves in assorted reports featuring Jason Bradbury. They investigate problems surrounding connecting to wi-fi; they also look at the latest routers, and build life-size remote-piloted superheroes modelled on themselves. Meanwhile, ex-Olympic triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards tests cycling computers, and globe-trotting reporter Pollyanna Woodward is off to Hungary where they try out a one-third scale radio-controlled car. Plus, TGS veteran Jon Bentley will be trying out a range of tablet computers.

#### Run

##### Channel 4, 10pm

Nobody does misery quite like Olivia Colman. She's suffered wonderfully in *Broadchurch* and *Tyrannosaur*, but it's her episode of *Accused*, for which she won a Best Actress Bafta earlier this year, that will spring to mind while watching this new drama. Both feature Colman as a mother living on a bleak inner-city estate, and both have her facing issues involving her children. This time, Colman plays Carol, a tough single mother who is struggling to hold her Brixton-based family together. Her depressing situation deteriorates even further when her teenage sons commit a random act of violence that results in the death of a stranger. But just how far will she go to keep her children out of jail?

#### TUESDAY

##### Luther BBC1, 9pm

The penultimate offering centres on the murder of two young hoodies shot at close range in what looks like a gangland crime, and another man who dies shortly after. The deceased had criminal records, so it looks like a new killer with a personal vendetta against all past offenders is on the loose, and only one man can stop him. The trouble is, Luther (Idris Elba) struggles to control the increased public attention when the killer posts a video of himself online, calling for changes to the public justice system. The psychopath is on a mission and he's bound to strike again, but with so many possible victims, who will he target next?

#### WEDNESDAY

##### The Apprentice: The Final BBC1, 8pm

It's nine years since this show's first run, and over the years we've seen Tim Campbell, Michelle Dewberry, Simon Ambrose, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Stella English, Tom Pellereau and Ricky Martin (not that one) hear those magic words "You're hired": Leah Totton, Jordan Poulton, Myles Mordaunt and Luisa Zissman, among others, have been great entertainment value this year. Who will manage to impress Lord Sugar and his team of advisers one final time this series? We haven't got a clue,



The Apprentice: The Final, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

but there is one way to find out. As ever, Nick Hewer and Karen Brady will be presiding over the drama as the final challenge is executed.

##### Maxine Peake: Performance, Protest and Peterloo BBC2, 10pm

At 38 years old, Maxine Peake has a sparkling CV that many actors twice her age would be envious of. So it's little wonder that with Manchester's International Festival now in its final week, the Beeb has decided to focus its attention on the gifted actress, who took on a huge role within it.

The festival has showcased a collection of world-class talent, theatrical premieres and ground-breaking musical performances - and among them was Ms Peake performing in Shelley's *The Masque of Anarchy*. Miranda Sawyer meets up with Maxine to discuss the poem.

##### THURSDAY Live Golf: The Open Championship BBC2, 9am

The world's finest golfers congregate at Muirfield in Gullane, East Lothian, for the opening day of what is one of the most prestigious events on the

sport's calendar. Last year's tournament threw up its fair share of drama as Australian Adam Scott saw his form collapse at the end of the final round, allowing South African veteran Ernie Els to creep up the leaderboard and deny him his first major title by a single stroke. Scott has since got that monkey off his back by tasting glory at this year's Masters, but Els will be feeling confident of retaining his trophy having won The Open on this course back in 2002.

#### The Briefs

##### ITV, 9pm

This intriguing series returns with another two-parter to give us an insight into British justice from the perspective of the defence. First up at Tuckers Solicitors in Manchester, we meet serial offender Kyle, accused of taking part in a violent street brawl, and of a house burglary - but he's no stranger to the legal advisors at the firm, in fact, they're representing him for the 34th time. Meanwhile, Alex faces a charge of causing criminal damage by scratching a car, a break from the norm for him, as he usually robs businesses.

#### FRIDAY

##### Coronation Street ITV, 7.30pm

Rob and Tracy going into business together could be a recipe for disaster. After all, they're both ex cons, which is fine if they've learned their lessons, but given the recent silk theft from Underworld it seems they haven't. Little wonder Carla and Michelle are amazed by the news, and Peter should also worry because when Rob places £500 on an accumulator, he stands to lose around £35,000.

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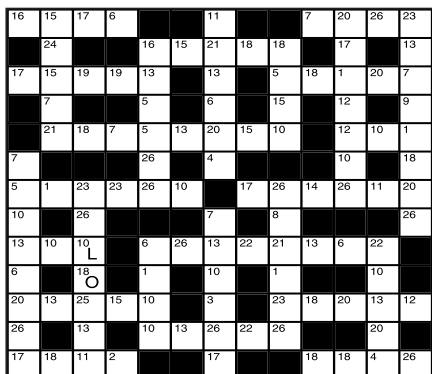
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## Brain Gym

No.229

### Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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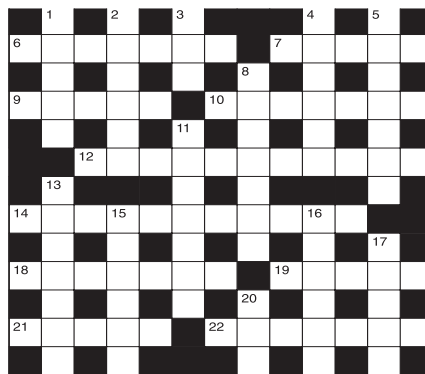
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#### Across

6. Direct way for joining the buzzer to a telephone connection (3-4)
- 7 & 22Ac. Wool-gatherer (5-7)
9. Luggage carried by elephant (5)
10. Boarding-house that provides for one who has retired (7)
12. Supplying more men to check coercion (11)
14. The writer is about to restrict the powers that be (11)
18. Not in agreement with anti-gas disturbance (7)
19. Describing the sort of discipline that comes from a master nowadays? (5)
21. Broadcaster (5)
22. See 7 Across

#### Down

1. See 3 Down
2. A member of the fair sex (6)
- 3 & 1Dn. The insect tolerates the aard-varks (3-5)
4. Singular version of natural science that provides a remedy (6)
5. Tell what happens at a close election (7)
8. Arranges expatriation of French near the dock areas (7)
11. Dismantle? (7)
13. The lad is about to encourage the operator (7)
15. Welcomed and provided with a cold shower? (6)
16. Additional changes for special editions (6)
17. Had an irritating effect - brought before the court (5)
20. Pitch reserved (3)



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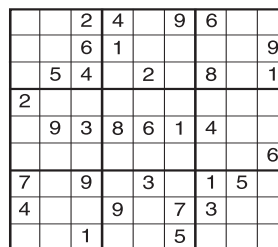
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6. Propriety (7)
7. Rush out suddenly (5)
9. Call for (5)
10. Refined (7)
12. Mix together (11)
14. Intelligence (11)
18. Flagrant (7)
19. Perfect (5)
21. Concur (5)
22. Qualified (7)

#### Down

1. Answer (5)
2. Idea (6)
3. Purchase (3)
4. Slang (6)
5. Expressionlessly (7)
8. A region's weather (7)
11. Abundant (7)
13. Likeness in certain respects (7)
15. Vent (6)
16. Severe trial (6)
17. Match (5)
20. Pale (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Reductions; 7 Ionic; 8 Lighten; 10 Sweeping; 11 Fort; 13 Casket; 15 Ticker; 17 Iran; 18 Optional; 21 Notable; 22 Irons; 23 Pestilence. Down: 1 Range; 2 Decipher; 3 Colony; 4 Iago; 5 Network; 6 Dissection; 9 Naturalist; 12 Division; 14 Seattle; 16 Appeal; 19 Noose; 20 Abet. QUICK - Across: 1 Preference; 7 Eject; 8 Plainer; 10 Exterior; 11 Less; 13 Tulle; 15 Portal; 17 Beer; 18 Prospect; 21 Express; 22 Bravo; 23 Despondent. Down: 1 Pleat; 2 Entirely; 3 Employ; 4 Elan; 5 Consent; 6 Detestable; 9 Resolution; 12 Possible; 14 Steeple; 16 Prison; 19 Exact; 20 Deep.

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#### HALESOWEN, Bromsgrove Road

Located in the desirable area of Romsley. This unfurnished semi detached house features gas central heating, modern and spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, loft space, front & rear gardens, garage, fantastic views, inspection strongly recommended. EPC: E

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#### HALESOWEN, Valley Road

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#### HALESOWEN, Wroxley House

Luxury living in Hayley Green. This superb luxury 1st floor apartment offers spacious accommodation including open plan lounge/kitchen and diner with balcony, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPC: B

**£625 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close

An impressive 1st floor apartment which comes part furnished, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre comprising 2 double bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, spacious lounge with a leather sofa, contemporary kitchen, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. Well worth a viewing. Available now. EPC: B

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#### HALESOWEN, Hoosen Close

A delightful modern refurbished mid terraced house located within a desirable quiet cul de sac. Features a lovely refitted kitchen with electric oven/hob, fridge freezer and historic wash/dryer. Gas central heating, large lounge with patio doors offering views across a mature herbaceous garden benefitting from a sunny aspect. 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden, garage, parking space. EPC: E

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#### HALESOWEN, Linden Avenue

Situated in a quiet cul de sac location. A spacious detached bungalow offering good sized accommodation having 2 reception rooms, open plan breakfast/kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, good sized rear garden, garage/driveway parking. Available now. EPC: D

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#### HALESOWEN, Tregarron Road

Ideally situated for local shops and buses to Halesowen, Stourbridge and Cradley Heath. A well presented semi-detached house featuring a large lounge, modern kitchen, 3 good sized bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, new double glazing, gas central heating, driveway and garage parking, front and rear gardens. EPC: D

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#### ROWLEY REGIS, Pennicricket Lane

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**£525 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, Corngreaves Walk

Beautifully presented and not to be missed. A mid-terraced house set in a quiet location featuring 3 good sized bedrooms, large modern lounge, fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, electric heating, wonderful low maintenance rear garden, parking. EPC: D

**£525 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, Anchor Drive

Modern and comfortable living. This 2nd floor apartment is set in a quiet location, with easy access to Dudley, Tipton, Wednesbury and the M5. The property features 2 double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, white bathroom suite with shower, spacious lounge with patio doors opening to a Juliet balcony, electric heating, double glazing, allocated parking space. EPC: C

**£475 PCM**



#### ROWLEY REGIS, Clent Hill Drive

Located in a very quiet cul-de-sac. This starter home sized semi-detached house, comprises 2 good sized bedrooms, fitted kitchen, cosy living room, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, low maintenance tiered rear garden, parking space to front, unfurnished. EPC: D

**£475 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Oldnall Road

5 year old new build apartment with high specification interior. This 1st floor apartment features gas central heating, living/dining room, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower. Also benefiting from a large garage and external storage room. Spectacular views! Internal inspection needed to appreciate size and quality of accommodation. EPC: B

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#### CRADLEY HEATH, Pear Tree Lane

Modern 1st floor apartment. Situated on a popular development within walking distance of Old Hill train station and Old Hill shops, the property comprises: 1 large double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, gas central heating, spacious living room, fitted kitchen with small fridge, bathroom with shower, parking space, own rear garden, unfurnished. EPC: B

**£475 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Highfield Road

Deceptively large semi-detached house, close to local shops and buses to Halesowen, Stourbridge and Cradley Heath. Features 2 good sized lounges, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 double bedrooms, nice size rear garden, on road parking. Available now. EPC: G

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#### STOURBRIDGE, Bagley Street

Deceptively large and within walking distance to Stourbridge town centre. This lovely semi-detached house features a great lounge, large dining kitchen with gas oven and hob, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, nice sized rear garden, on road parking, double glazing, gas central heating. Available now. EPC: D

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#### WORDSLEY, John Street

Close to local buses to Kingswinford, Stourbridge and a short walk from Ambicote. This 2 double bedroom terraced house features: 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, on road parking and an enclosed rear garden. Available 05/08/13. EPC: E

**£450 PCM**



#### TIPTON, Ferguson Drive

A lovely modern 1st floor apartment, which is ideally located for Wednesbury and Dudley. This great apartment features 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, 2 allocated parking spaces, communal gardens, internal viewing recommended. EPC: C

**£450 PCM**



#### LYE, High Street

Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This large and spacious 1st floor apartment has a lovely lounge with a feature bay window, 2 good sized bedrooms, new bathroom suite but no shower, modern and contemporary kitchen with oven and hob, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking. Available now. EPC: F

**£450 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Fairfield Road

Ideally located in central Halesowen for shops, buses to Merry Hill and Birmingham. This unfurnished first floor flat features 1 bedroom, large lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. An opportunity not to be missed. EPC: D

**£375 PCM**

# Property

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Andrew Grant is handling the sale of this three-bedroom semi in Bewdley

# Cul-de-sac setting for extended semi in popular town

**THIS well-presented three-bed semi-detached is for sale at a guide price of £189,950.**

The property in Maypole Close has a ground floor extension and is near to the Severn Valley Railway Station in a cul-de-sac location in the idyllic town of Bewdley.

Outside the front of property there is a driveway, off-road parking and a garage.

The house also benefits from central heating, double glazing, and rear garden.

Downstairs from the entrance hall, glass panelled doors open

onto the living area which has a gas fire, marble hearth and surround.

Double French doors lead out to the garden.

The good-sized kitchen has matching wall and base units, stainless steel sink drainer with mixer tap, electric oven and gas hob with extractor over, integrated fridge, and space and plumbing for a washing machine and space for a tumble dryer.

On the first floor are three good-sized bedrooms. Two bedrooms at the back of the property overlook the garden, and one is above the

garage at the front.

The bathroom has a panel bath in tiled surrounds plus mixer shower, a separate mixer shower cubicle, WC, hand basin and cupboard beneath, heated towel rail, and shelving.

Outside the back garden has a patio and steps leading to the lawn and integrated decking/seating area, partial flower bedding and a wooden storage shed.

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St. Catherines Close, Dudley



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EPC D

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Cherry Orchard Crescent, Halesowen



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This three bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular location at the head of a cul-de-sac. Halesowen.

EPC D

Meadow Walk, Cradley Heath



£72,500

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## Motoring

# Fuel-efficient Zafira Tourer just the job for the family holidays

WITH the school holidays fast approaching, families in Ludlow are turning their attention to summer travels.

However, with the cost of fuel on the rise, the thought of taking a road trip can seem a costly proposition.

Fortunately, following the recent introduction of a state-of-the-art, fuel efficient turbo diesel engine to Vauxhall's family-friendly Zafira Tourer range, local Vauxhall retailer, Ludlow Motors is on hand with a model that not only offers powerful performance and superior space, but highly competitive fuel economy too.

For those planning their travels around the country this summer, the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo will come as a welcome addition to the line-up.

Available to order at the dealership on Bromfield Road, the model is powered by 2.0-litre 195PS diesel engine and achieves an impressive combined fuel economy figure of just 50.4mpg, thanks to its Start/Stop technology.

### Unprecedented

Peter Hughes, Retail Operator at Ludlow Motors, explains: "We're pleased to be able to offer families in the area a fuel-efficient vehicle that is ideal for family travel and that boasts a spacious interior alongside unprecedented levels of flexibility."

"What's more, Vauxhall is currently the only manufacturer to offer a sophisticated BiTurbo engine on a seven-seat MPV, which provides a perfect blend of high performance, impressive fuel economy and premium class quality."

The introduction of the BiTurbo expands the Zafira Tourer's broad powertrain offer, which now comprises four diesel and two petrol engines.

The sequential twin-turbo diesel addition to the line-up gives emissions of just 149g/km CO<sub>2</sub>, offers a maximum speed of 135mph and can



Vauxhall's Zafira Tourer is ideal for taking the family on holiday with plenty of comfort and good fuel economy

achieve 0-60mph in just 8.5 seconds, making it one of the fastest diesel-powered, seven-seat MPVs on the market.

What's more, the model is ideal for pleasing a crowd, thanks to extra flexibility provided by the new generation FlexT seating system. This includes the unique 'lounge seating' functionality, which gives passengers an unprecedented amount of space in the second row. The Zafira Tourer BiTurbo is priced from £27,685 comes with a choice of SE, SRI or Elite trims, as well as a range of options including Flex Ride adaptive chassis control system, AFL adaptive forward lighting system and a panoramic windscreens.

It will also come as welcome news that the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo is also ideal for those who wish to drive away the model at a monthly payment that fits their budget, thanks to Vauxhall's innovative Flexible Finance scheme.

With zero per cent annual APR Representative, no minimum deposit and a payment term varying between 24 to 60 months, Flexible Finance makes it easy for motorists to buy their chosen Vauxhall vehicle at a cost that suits them.

And like all new Vauxhalls, the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo comes with a warranty which could now last a lifetime, so customers can be confident that they are getting the best possible aftercare and service, too.

Available to the first owner of all new Vauxhall cars, the warranty is valid for the lifetime of the vehicle up to a maximum of 100,000 miles.

To discover more about the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo or to book a test drive, please visit Ludlow Motors at Burway Trading Estate, Bromfield Road, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1EN. Alternatively, go online to [www.ludlowmotors.co.uk](http://www.ludlowmotors.co.uk) or call on 01584 876444.

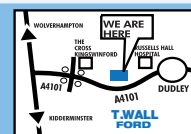
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## Motoring



The Vauxhall Insignia has been given an update, with style changes and more efficient engines

# New styling to update the Vauxhall Insignia

**THE Vauxhall Insignia has been given a mid-life update with new styling, more efficient engines and an internet-connected infotainment system.**

In addition a new entry-level model starts from only £16,279; almost £2,000 less than the cheapest model in the outgoing range, making the spacious Insignia an even more accessible family car. Other headline changes include a new diesel engine with CO2 emissions of 99g/km, which means that Insignias equipped with it can escape

road tax completely under the current vehicle excise duty rules. The engine recorded fuel economy of 76mpg under the standard European test cycle.

There are also two new four-cylinder petrol engines from the SIDI family first unveiled in the Cascada convertible. A 168bhp 1.6-litre option is joined by a new 246bhp choice for those looking for an Insignia with more urge.

Inside the cabin is a completely redesigned centre console and instrument cluster. The centre console has been simplified and now has fewer buttons for more intuitive operation of common functions, such as air condi-

tioning and infotainment, while the instrument cluster has new dials and a fresh, hi-tech look.

Larger, higher-resolution colour infotainment and instrument cluster displays are optional across the range but are expected to be a popular upgrade.

Eight trim levels will be available, starting with Design and rising through Energy, Limited Edition, SRI, SRI VX-Line, SE, Tech Line and Elite, although not all engines are available at every trim level so entry prices for higher trim levels are in some cases lower than for inferior grades.

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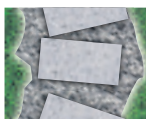
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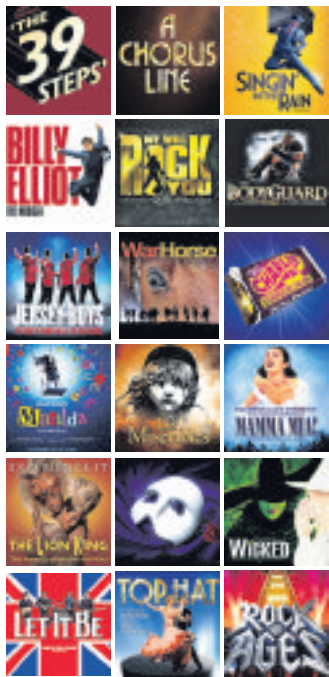
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## Returning Hamill in tribute to the fans

CALIFORNIAN superstar Billy Hamill has paid tribute to Heathens fans ahead of his visit to next Tuesday's FAST Golden Hammer at Monmore (7.30pm).

Hamill, the 1996 world champion, makes his first visit to a Dudley Heathens event after they formed in 2010 – the year after he retired from racing.

He will be available to sign autographs from 6pm before taking his place in the pits to help American teenage ace Max Ruml in the meeting.

And he has fond memories of the old Dudley Wood days after starting his glittering career with Cradley in 1990.

He said: "The people lived for their speedway each week, they talked about it in the local pubs and wherever the riders went, home or away, they would be there in huge numbers."

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## Injury puts cloud on Blues win

A CHILLING injury to new man Matt Green cast a shadow over Birmingham City's 4-0 friendly win over Shamrock Rovers.

The striker, making his debut for Blues after signing from Mansfield Town last week, was stretched from the field on a spinal board and in a neck brace after being knocked unconscious at Tallaght Stadium on Monday night.

But Blues boss Lee Clark later said the player was 'fine' and had needed no further treatment. Green had earlier netted his first goal for the club on a night when Serbia striker Nikola Zigic was also on target along with Lee Novak and Callum Reilly.

But the atmosphere changed in the 75th minute when Green was elbowed in the head. Green appeared to suffer a short fit.

Novak opened the scoring and Zigic added a second, with Reilly making it three on the stroke of half-time before Green rounded off the scoring.

# Benteke is the villain in transfer spat



Christian Benteke

VILLA have steeled themselves for a summer battle over Christian Benteke after the striker slapped in a transfer request.

The young forward has dodged Villa's pre-season training trip to Germany and instead demanded to move on.

Manager Paul Lambert is furious at the 22-year-old's cool disregard for Villa's pre-season stability while the club are warning suitors their line in the sand is a "silly money" offer for the budding Belgian star.

But Villa will now be braced for offers for a player signed for £7m from Genk last season – with

### Aston Villa

Chelsea expected to join their London rivals Spurs and Arsenal in registering interest.

Liverpool will also come in should Luis Suarez be sold.

Villa's anger at Benteke's behaviour poured out from between the lines of a statement which read: "In response to reports that Christian Benteke has not travelled to Germany with the club and has made a transfer request, we can confirm that both are accurate.

"For clarity's sake, however, he

had already been given extra time off until July 18 and was reminded that there are three years remaining on his contract, we consider him to be a Villa player and expect that he will be with us for the 2013-14 season.

"Having received his transfer request, we have also informed him that should we receive an offer within an appropriate timeframe during pre-season which meets our valuation we would act upon it. But he will remain a Villa player should this not happen."

Lambert expressed his dissatisfaction at Benteke's decision, but

still has the 22-year-old very much in mind for next season.

"While we're hugely disappointed that Christian has put in a transfer request, it's important that people appreciate we are trying to build something strong and vibrant here at the club, something this club demands and stands for, and we want Christian to be part of that," he said.

Meanwhile, Newcastle boss Alan Pardew has confirmed he is keen on signing Darren Bent who is available for £5m-£6m.

"There is an interest in Darren," said Pardew.

# Aston lands belter of a blow for his first title

**DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston was the boss of fight night at Wolverhampton Civic Hall to win his first title after his opponent retired with a rib injury at the start of the fourth round.**

Harry Matthews' movement had been impaired by a crunching body shot and, with his left eye also marked, punishment for the other six scheduled rounds seemed futile.

It brought to an end Aston's best performance in the pro ranks to date in his 12th paid contest. He left the Civic on Saturday night with the British Masters super middleweight belt.

The match was made outside of the 22-year-old's usual realm of middleweight as Matthews had stepped in at just over a couple of days notice but it was, nonetheless, an impressive result.

The never-stopped 'Fockington Rocket', a former Central Area champion and English title challenger, certainly didn't bully Aston as he would have liked.

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Aston bounced out of the corner from the opening bell and soon connected with two right hooks.

The right hook was his primary weapon, but he bamboozled Matthews back into the corner with a big left in the second.

Matthews kept on coming forward in the third right up until he was hurt by a loaded right hook to the ribcage that nearly took him off his feet and signalled the beginning of the end.

There was much deliberation at the end of the round as Matthews considered boxing on with trainer Glenn Banks making the

by Craig Birch

call to retire to the referee, Dudley's Shaun Messer, one second into the fourth.

What was supposed to be a five-fight undercard turned into four contests with Swadincote's Craig Wilshee left dismayed after a no-show from his opponent, Worthing's James Child.

The reasons given was that Childs was on board a train from London to Birmingham that had struck someone on the tracks, forcing a long delay that saw the bout cancelled.

Tipton's Ricky Summers was pleased to be in action on the under-card after months out of the ring due to the passing of his mother, Shirley.

Summers, usually a light heavy, had to lose nearly a stone-and-a-half as he struggled with his personal grief. He dedicated the fight to his mother's memory.

Derby's Elvis Dube wasn't the easiest introduction back into pro life for the former senior ABA national semi-finalist but Summers grabbed a shut-out points victory by 40-36.



Triumphant – Dudley's Ryan Aston



Aston sends a right jab flying into the face of Matthews



Matthews fights back during the bout at the Civic Hall

## Long-time football chairman dies at 71

THE chairman of Birmingham County Football Association has died.

Roger Wood, aged 71, was the leader of the BCFA for 22 years, he died on July 1.

Mr Wood, also an FA council member, was a hugely popular figure in the game and his dedication to his role of Birmingham County FA Chairman was second to none. He leaves behind his wife Gill.

He was described as a real advocate of grassroots football and always looking for ways to push the game forward.

Mike Pennick, Chief Executive at BCFA said: "Roger has been the heartbeat of this County FA for 22 years and a constant source of support and guidance for us all."

"He truly will be missed by everyone involved in football."

His funeral will take place on Thursday July 18 at 2.15pm at Perry Barr Crematorium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, B42 2LR with a reception afterwards at the Conservative Pub, Newton Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 6BN. Flowers can be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Directors on 606 Walsall Road, B42 1EZ.

## Brummies get hold of two players

BIRMINGHAM have completed a double swoop with the captures of Dan Burn and Matt Green.

Fulham centre-back Burn has joined on a season-long loan while Mansfield striker Green has signed a two-year contract.

Burn, aged 21, spent the majority of last season on loan with Yeovil Town, where he made 41 appearances and scored three goals, including the winner in the League One play-off final against Brentford.

The 6ft 7in defender said: "I'm really happy to have joined and I'm just looking to get back to pre-season training now."

"The history of this club was something that convinced me to join."

Green, 26, has hit 56 goals for the Stags over the last two campaigns. The signings follow on from the arrival of Swansea defender Kyle Bartley on a season-long loan.



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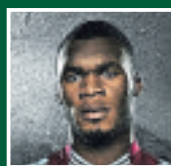
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## Backing as Popov returns to Baggies

ALBION boss Steve Clarke says Goran Popov's best is yet to come after the Baggies resigned the defender for another season.

Popov completed his second loan move to The Hawthorns from Dynamo Kiev and will battle again with Liam Ridgwell for a starting role at left-back.

And, despite a dip in form for the Macedonia international at the end of last season, Clarke is adamant he will continue to improve in the Premier League.

"He understands the Premier League better now as well and we will look for even more from him next season."

Popov joined Albion initially on loan from Dynamo a year ago and became a hit with fans after impressive performances but his form dipped and the club decided not to activate an option that would have made his move permanent.

However, they immediately opened negotiations over a new loan deal and the 28-year-old former Hasevrem full-back has returned with a move to a permanent transfer next summer.

Sporting and technical director Richard Garlick said: "Everybody at the club is delighted Goran will be with us again this season."

## Doyle doubt for the tour

KEVIN DOYLE looks set to miss Wolves' tour of Scotland.

The Ireland international, who has been left behind from the team's training camp at the University of Stirling due to a groin injury, suffered a setback on Tuesday at Compton.

He looks to be a major doubt for Saturday's trip to Livingston. "I think it's unlikely that he will join the group here," said head coach Kenny Jackett.

"He felt his groin in training again at Compton and at present there are no plans to bring him up here."

Doyle has attracted plenty of transfer speculation this summer, with Celtic continuing to monitor his situation. But Jackett stressed the striker's absence is entirely due to injury.

Meanwhile, Jackett wants to keep £1m-rated Richard Stearman, who is reportedly set to become eligible to play for Ireland through his maternal grandparents as Ipswich weigh up a move.

# Lewis guns the Wolves with a maximum

**Dudley 54 Wolves 39**  
LEWIS Blackbird scorched to a stunning maximum as Dudley Heathens completed a quickfire double over a powerhouse Wolves side on Tuesday night.

The former Mildenhall man went through the card with an inspired performance as Heathens secured the Les Pottinger Cup. And Blackbird was thrilled after another excellent evening saw the former Cradley club extend their tremendous record.

He said: "I was absolutely

delighted with that performance – it was another great night for me.

"I had a bad weekend in the Premier League so I was desperate to come and put it right riding for Dudley so I'm glad I managed to do that. I had some tough races, but I was feeling quick and managed to come out on top to get a really good maximum."

"Fair play to all the boys, it was another great team effort and we just keep going from strength to strength."

"It was great to beat them again

## Heathens

and do even better than last week – that one was for the fans who once again gave us great support." After racing into a ten-point lead after six outings Dudley looked well set for a comprehensive win – yet Wolves hit back through a Robert Branford tactical ride.

A 5-1 for the away side in heat 10 reduced the deficit to just five – but Heathens came on strong in the closing stages with four heat

advantages sealing an excellent victory. Middle-order man Paul Starke also put in a magnificent display to form a formidable top two who accounted for eight wins.

The 22-year-old suffered just one defeat from five outings, including a tremendous ride from the back to join Blackbird at the front for a 5-1 in heat 15.

Skipper Ashley Morris also made a crucial contribution at No.1, bagging race wins in his opening two rides to help his side to a 10-point lead in the opening

six races. At reserve, youngsters Nathan Greaves and Max Clegg bolstered the lower order after taking a comfortable heat two 5-1.

Next, Tuesday the former Cradley club welcome a strong line-up to Monmore Green for their annual FAST Golden Hammer individual event.

**Dudley 54:** Lewis Blackbird 15, Paul Starke 13+1, Ashley Morris 8, Nathan Greaves 6+1, Max Clegg 4+2, Dan Greenwood 4+1, Gareth Isherwood 4.

**Wolverhampton 39:** Robert Branford 12, James Sargeant 10+2, Kyle Newman 9+1, Joe Haines 7, Tom Woolley 1, Michael Nesle 0, Damien Koppe R/R.

# YELTZ DELIGHT AS HASELEY SIGNS UP

**HALESOWEN Town striker Ben Haseley has delighted the Yeltz faithful by rejecting Conference North side Solihull Moors and signing again for John Hill's boys.**

Hasley, who joined in January 2012 from Grove has been a sensation for the Evo-Stik division one south side scoring 52 goals since his arrival.

Last season Hasley scored an impressive 42 goals in 48 appearances. Manager Hill is absolutely thrilled to keep a hold of the former Heath Hayes hitman.

Hill said: "I am not sure exactly what has happened between Ben and Solihull but we are delighted he has decided to return."

"He got in touch with us late last week and asked if our offer of a new contract still stood."

"I think he was taken aback by all the messages of support he had when he announced he would be leaving."

Most of last season's squad have now committed themselves for the forthcoming season.

## Transfer

Halesowen have clearly been busy in the transfer market strengthening their side with nine new arrivals.

Sam Pearson, Matthew Martin, Neil Mackenzie, Chris Lait, Steve Weaver, Maryn Allard, Sam Whitehurst and Nigel Penney have all signed for the Yeltz.

This year there will be fierce competition for the number one jersey as Pearson joins after spending the last few seasons with Dudley Sports as a regular first team player.

Coming in from Tipton Town is double winner, former Gornal Athletic midfielder Martin who will add experience in the centre, while former league star

by Lewis Deakin

Mackenzie who has had spells with St Neots Town and Evesham United brings extra steel into Hill's midfield.

He also brings with him experience of playing with Stoke City, Mansfield Town and Macclesfield Town.

Goal machine Weaver has something to prove after narrowly missing out on promotion with West Midlands Premier League side Lye Town.

Lait is a midfielder signed from newly promoted Stratford Town and is considered an exciting prospect who scored many times in his former club's promotion season.

Defender Allard is also considered an exciting prospect who has been part of the Wolves academy in recent seasons.

Penney is an ex-Tipton Town striker who is a young hungry player.

Hill has got his preparations underway as he looks to guide Town into the playoffs after they missed out on goal difference last season.

Town face a hectic pre-season schedule with matches AFC Wulfrunians, Bromsgrove Sporting, Tivdale, Stourbridge and Leamington.

## Leaders survive late scare in bumper night



Back on track – Tai Woffinden, left leads Darcy Ward into a bend. Picture John Hipkiss Photography

LEAGUE leaders Wolverhampton survived a last heat scare to secure all three points with a hard-fought 49-42 win over Poole.

Both injury-ravaged sides put on a good show for a bumper Monmore crowd on Monday night and the Pirates pulled back from a seemingly hopeless position to give themselves a chance of a consolation point.

The meeting featured everything from a five-lap heat to races with only two finishers.

But after 14 heats, Wolves required a magnificent heat 15 ride from guesting No.1 Chris Harris and Tai Woffinden to secure maximum points following a resilient Poole fightback.

Despite holding a 17-point lead after 10 outings, Wolves let their com-

fortable advantage slip to set up a nervy finale.

Needing a 3-3 in the final race, Woffinden cleverly slowed the race down from second place to allow partner Harris to pass Martin Smolinski for the third place the home side desperately required.

## Spearheaded

The race capped off an excellent evening for both Harris and the returning Woffinden as the duo spearheaded the side in the absence of skipper Fredrik Lindgren.

Birmingham man Harris stepped in admirably for the Swedish star, bagging three race wins in his opening three rides and being the only man to lower the colours of GP

sensation Darcy Ward. Woffinden also put in a classy display to make paid double figures – fighting through the pain barrier in the closing stages having aggravated his collarbone injury when shoved wide in his third outing.

Adam Skornicki again impressed as third heat-leader, recording two race wins and fighting his way to a crucial second place in the penultimate race of the night with a determined effort.

**Wolves 49:** Chris Harris 11+2, Adam Skornicki 9+1, Tai Woffinden 8+2, Jacob Thorsell 7+2, Ludvig Lindgren 7+1, Ricky Wells 7, Ty Proctor R/R.

**Poole 42:** Darcy Ward 17, Rohan Tungate 14+2, Martin Smolinski 5+1, Micky Dyer 4, Maciej Janowski 2, Josh Grajczonok 0, Thomas H. Jonasson R/R.

## Jackett ready for take off

WOLVES have been warned to fasten their seatbelts and be ready for a high-tempo game under Kenny Jackett.

Ex-Watford right-back Darren Bazeley is the most notable former Wolves player to have had a taste of the new Molineux head coach's methods.

Football development manager for New Zealand Football Federation and head coach for the Kiwis' Under-17s World Cup campaign, Bazeley came through the ranks at Vicarage Road as Jackett's playing career ended through injury in 1990.

As coach and player respectively under Graham Taylor, the pair won back-to-back promotions as Watford climbed back to the top flight in the late 1990s before Bazeley joined Wolves after 239 appearances for the Hornets.

Bazeley, who played 80 times for Wolves in three years before a spell at Walsall, believes fans and players will respond to Jackett's style of play.

"I'm sure he will create a hard-working, positive, high-tempo team," he said.

## Another home game on screen

WOLVES' second home game of the season against Crawley Town has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports.

The first ever competitive meeting between the clubs has been brought forward 24 hours to Friday, August 23, with a 7.45pm kick off.

The announcement means two of Wolves' first five fixtures will be screened live on TV. The Capital One Cup tie away to Morecambe is to be shown on Tuesday, August 6 (7.45pm).

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